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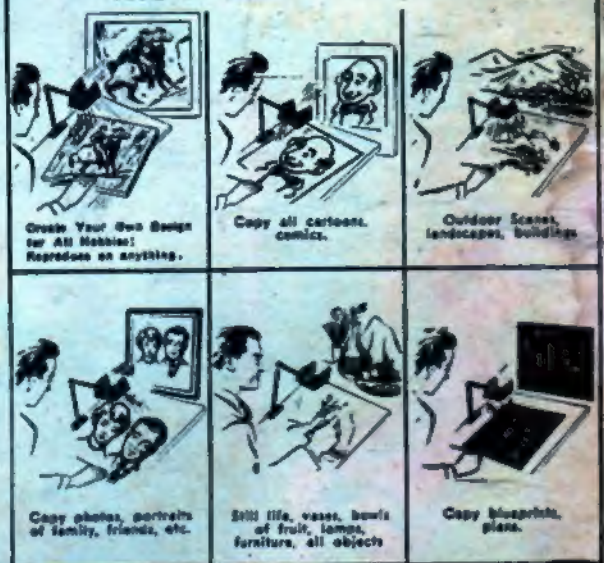

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TURN THE LIGHTS DOWN LOW, CHUM, AND GET COMFORTABLE IN YOUR EASY CHAIR! OUR FIRST WEIRDIE IS A REAL SHOCKER! WHAT HAPPENS TO *THIS* CHARACTER SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A DOG! BUT HE HAS NO ONE TO BLAME BUT *HIMSELF!*

THE MAN WHO WASN'T

AFTER YEARS OF RESEARCH, DR. PAUL BRAINARD HAD FOUND A WAY TO CREATE LIFE FROM LIFELESS SUBSTANCES! A GREAT DISCOVERY, YOU SAY! PERHAPS TOO GREAT A DISCOVERY! PERHAPS DR. BRAINARD IS ON THE VERGE OF ACCOMPLISHING SOME-THING THAT IS... *FORBIDDEN!*

I'M TIRED! LOOK AT THE TIME... I HAVEN'T BEEN HOME IN 48 HOURS! MOLLY WILL BE PEEVED NO END!

IT'LL TAKE ABOUT FOUR HOURS FOR THE LIFE LIQUID TO WORK... THEN ANOTHER HOUR BEFORE THE LUMP ACTUALLY BECOMES ALIVE! I'LL GO HOME AND TAKE A LITTLE NAP... THEN COME BACK! *THIS TIME IT WILL WORK!*

TERRIFYING MYSTERY FROM A WEIRD WORLD!

DR. EDWARDS LEFT THE LABORATORY! IT WAS BEGINNING TO GET DARK, BUT HE DIDN'T NOTICE! HIS MIND WAS FILLED WITH HIS EXPERIMENT!

THEY SAID I COULDN'T DO IT! THERE'VE BEEN MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS THAT I THOUGHT THEY WERE RIGHT! BUT MY THEORY WAS SOUND! TONIGHT I WILL PROVE IT!

HE WAS A TRUE SCIENTIST, WRAPPED UP IN HIS WORK! BUT NOW ON THE VERGE OF HIS GREAT DISCOVERY, HE THOUGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME OF HOW THIS MIGHT EFFECT HIM AS AN INDIVIDUAL!

I SUPPOSE I'LL BECOME FAMOUS! SCIENTISTS ARE GENERALLY SO OBSCURE! EVEN WHEN I WON THE PFITZER PRIZE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ONLY MY COLLEAGUES WERE AWARE OF IT!

I SUPPOSE IT'LL MEAN MORE MONEY... MOLLY AND DAVEY CAN HAVE BETTER CLOTHES, A BETTER HOUSE, A VACATION ONCE IN A WHILE! THOSE THINGS MATTER TO A WOMAN! I'M JUST HAPPY IN MY WORK!

MOLLY AND DAVEY SURE PRIZE THAT PHOTO OF ME WINNING THE PFITZER PRIZE! GUESS IT WAS THE BIGGEST THING IN OUR LIVES... UNTIL NOW!

DAD!

PAUL! I THOUGHT YOU WERE *NEVER* COMING HOME! WHAT IS THIS EXPERIMENT THAT YOU'RE SO INTENSE ABOUT?

CAN'T TELL YOU NOW, MOLLY! BUT IT'S BIG! I'M GOING TO GRAB A FEW HOURS SLEEP... THEN I MUST GO BACK!

HE LAY ON THE BED, THE ALARM SET ON THE TICKING CLOCK BESIDE HIM! SLEEP STOLE OVER HIM, AND HIS LAST THOUGHT WAS OF THE EXPERIMENT...

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS... BUT IT'S BEEN WORTH IT! WHEN I GET BACK TO THE LAB AND LOOK IN THAT TEST TUBE, I'LL SEE *LIFE*... FOR THE FIRST TIME ARTIFICIALLY CREATED BY MAN!

HE AWOKE WITH A START AND A SENSE OF GUILT! HE TURNED TO THE CLOCK...

TEN O'CLOCK! AN HOUR LATER THAN I WANTED TO SLEEP! FUNNY THE ALARM DIDN'T GO OFF! I KNOW I SET IT!

QUICKLY HE DONNED HIS CLOTHES AND HURRIEDLY TIPTOED DOWNSTAIRS! THE HOUSE WAS QUIET...

MOLLY AND DAVEY MUST BE IN BED! I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN TO THE LAB!

IT WAS RAINING, A THIN, PENETRATING DRIZZLE! HE KEPT HIS HEAD DOWN, AVOIDING THE WETNESS...

GOOD THING THE LAB'S ONLY A BLOCK AND A HALF FROM THE HOUSE! I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO GO BACK FOR MY UMBRELLA!

HERE WE ARE—HUH, THAT'S FUNNY! SOMEHOW I MUST'VE WALKED *PAST* THE LAB!

HE TURNED AND BEGAN TO WALK BACK! BUT HE SAW FAMILIAR LANDMARKS...

WAIT A MINUTE—THAT APARTMENT HOUSE, NUMBER 17 DEWEY STREET—THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN NEXT TO THE LAB! BUT THERE'S A *TAVERN* WHERE THE *LAB WAS!* THIS *IS* THE RIGHT STREET, THE RIGHT PLACE—BUT WHERE'S THE SCIENCE BUILDING AND MY LAB?

I MUST'VE GOTTEN TWISTED AROUND IN THE RAIN! SO MANY OF THE STREETS ARE ALIKE—SAME SORT OF BUILDINGS! I'LL ASK IN THE TAVERN!

WHAT'LL IT BE, BUD?

ER—THE SCIENCE BUILDING, THE FOUNDATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH—I THOUGHT IT WAS ON THIS BLOCK, 19 DEWEY STREET... BUT I MUST'VE GOTTEN TURNED AROUND!

THIS TAVERN IS 19 DEWEY STREET, AN' I NEVER HEARD OF THE SCIENCE BUILDING! YOU A WISE GUY? YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH ALREADY AN' YOU AIN'T GETTIN' ANY MORE HERE! BEAT IT!

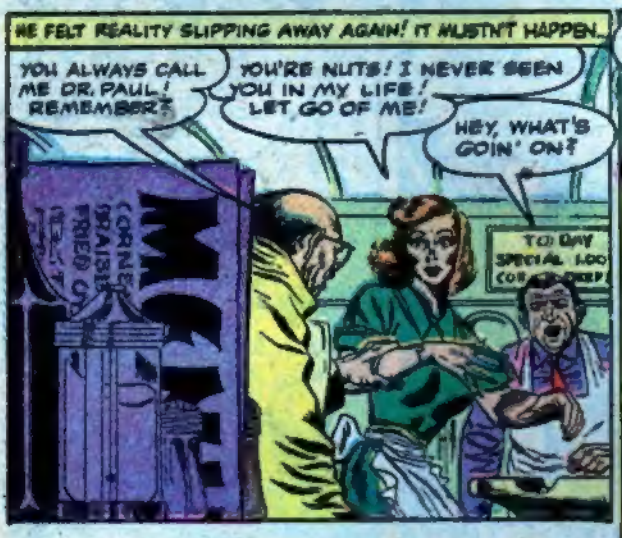
HE FELT A LITTLE ILL AS HE HURRIED OUT OF THE TAVERN! SOMETHING WAS VERY WRONG!

OFFICER! I'M LOOKING FOR 19 DEWEY STREET—THE FOUNDATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BUILDING!

YOU JUST CAME OUT OF 19 DEWEY STREET AND THAT TAVERN'S BEEN THERE AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ON THIS BEAT... EIGHT YEARS! I NEVER HEARD OF THAT OTHER BUILDING YOU MENTIONED!

BAR

HE WALKED INTO THE DINER! A FEELING OF UTTER RELIE FLOODED OVER HIM! IT WAS THE RIGHT DINER!
HELLO, MYRTLE!
HUH? WHAT'LL IT BE, MISTER?


HE FELT REALITY SLIPPING AWAY AGAIN! IT MUSTN'T HAPPEN.
YOU ALWAYS CALL ME DR. PAUL! REMEMBER?
YOU'RE NUTS! I NEVER SEEN YOU IN MY LIFE! LET GO OF ME!
HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
MOTEL

FRANTICALLY HE WANDERED THRU THE RAIN, AROUND THE BLOCK! BUT ALWAYS HE CAME BACK TO THE TAVERN... WHERE THE SCIENCE BUILDING HAD STOOD!

HIS MIND WAS WHIRLING! THIS WAY LAY MADNESS! IT WAS GETTING LIGHT AND HE WAS SOAKED TO THE SKIN AND WEARY...

HE WALKED UP THE STREET TOWARD HOME! CHILDREN PASSED HIM ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL! THERE AT THE CORNER WAS HOME...

LOT FOR SALE! BUT WHERE'S MY HOUSE? THE SMITHS'...OUR NEIGHBORS, THAT'S THEIR HOUSE NEXT DOOR! MY HOME SHOULD BE HERE, BUT THERE'S ONLY A VACANT LOT!

A WILDNESS CAME TO HIM...LIKE AN ANIMAL TRAPPED IN THE MESH OF SOMETHING FRIGHTENING, SOMETHING UNKNOWN! THEN HE HEARD A FAMILIAR CHILD'S VOICE...

HEY, BILLY, WAIT FOR ME!

DAVEY, WAIT!

HE RAN ACROSS THE STREET TOWARD THE BOY! DAVEY LOOKED AT HIM... A FRIGHTENED LOOK CAME INTO HIS EYES AND HE RAN...

DAVEY, IT'S ME! WAIT, SON!

YOU KEEP AWAY FROM ME, OR I'LL TELL MY MOTHER!

THE BOY TURNED A CORNER! DR. BRAINARD STOPPED...TREMBLING, EXHAUSTED!

HE CAME FROM THIS HOUSE! MOLLY MUST BE INSIDE! SHE'LL KNOW ME! SHE'LL HELP ME!

HE FUMBLED FOR HIS KEYS... BUT THEY WERE GONE! HE RANG THE BELL...AND SHE STOOD BEFORE HIM!

MOLLY, DARLING!

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

OVER HER HEAD HE LOOKED INTO THE HALL! THERE WAS A PICTURE ON THE WALL OF A MAN RECEIVING THE PFITZER PLAQUE...BUT THE MAN *WASN'T HIM!* IT WAS *ANOTHER* MAN, A STRANGER!

GO AWAY OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE! YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, COMING HERE, CALLING ME DARLING!

DAZED, BEWILDERED, HE WANDERED AWAY! HOW COULD THIS BE? HOW? AND SUDDENLY IT WAS AS IF A VOICE ANSWERED AROUND HIM... FROM THE AIR AND THE GROUND... YET NOT A VOICE AT ALL...

YOU HAVE TAMPERED WITH SOMETHING BEST LEFT ALONE! NO MERE MORTAL MUST KNOW THE

SECRET OF LIFE!

AND THEN HE UNDERSTOOD!

I HAVE COME TOO CLOSE TO THE *UNKNOWN*, BEYOND WHICH NO MAN MUST STEP! I AM BEING ERASED FROM LIFE *AS THOUGH I'D NEVER LIVED!*

HEY, LOOK OUT!

WELL, I'LL BE... I COULD'VE SWORN I SAW A MAN STEP OFF THAT CURB... BUT THERE'S NOT A SOUL ON THE STREET... NOBODY BUT ME!

THE END

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HAUNTED HOUSE

JONAS ALLBRIGHT leaned back in his chair and laughed until the tears came to his eyes. The withered old man on the other side of the desk watched the rich young banker resentfully, his shapeless hat held respectfully in his gnarled hands.

"You can laugh if you wants to," the old man said in high-pitched, back-country tones, "but you advertised in all the papers fer a real haunt. Well, I tell you the haunt of Cobweb Corners is sure enough real!"

The young banker smothered another chuckle with difficulty and leaned forward eagerly.

"You're serious about this, aren't you?" he asked.

The old man nodded grimly. "Jest say the word, Mr. Allbright, an' I'll take you down to Cobweb Corners and show you that there haunt."

Jonas Allbright pursed his lips thoughtfully. "Very well, Mr. Bodkins," he said. "I want you to come to my home tonight. I'll be having a small dinner party. If you can convince my friends, as you've convinced me, that there might really be something to this—uh—haunt of yours, there'll be a large check waiting for you."

Jonas Albright dismissed the old man with a wave of his hand. Then he began to make telephone calls.

That night, Jonas Allbright sat at the head of his sumptuous banquet table and regaled his five guests with the story told by his strange visitor of the afternoon.

"Now, remember," he warned them, "old Bodkins will be here in a little while, and we don't want to get him angry before he takes us to see his haunt."

"Oh, Jonas," giggled the Countess Le Pons, "does that silly little man really believe in that silly nonsense?"

"He's very serious," the young banker told her. "I warned all of you, when we decided to have a Ghost Party, that the ignorant country people would believe in their ghosts. I spent a great deal of money tracking down someone who would take us to a genuine haunted house for our party, so don't spoil everything."

"I say," interposed Reggie Twistle, "This is going to be a frightfully jolly lark, isn't it?"

Before anyone could answer, the butler announced the presence of Mr. Bodkins.

The little man stepped into the banquet room, and a hush fell over the laughing guests. He was old, withered, and dressed in cheap country clothes, but he carried himself with assurance.

"Well, Mr. Allbright," he asked, "are you goin' ahead with your idea, or have you changed your mind?"

Jonas Allbright cleared his throat. "I've been telling my friends about your haunt, Mr. Bodkins, and I managed to convince them before you even arrived. So we'll all be in Cobweb Corners tomorrow, and you're to arrange things for us to spend the night in that haunted house of yours. You'll receive half your commission now, and half tomorrow. Will that do?"

The old man nodded, accepting the money. Then promising to have things ready the following night, he departed.

The next afternoon, Jonas Allbright, his five guests and two servants, found themselves in a deserted mansion on the outskirts of the tiny town of Cobweb Corners.

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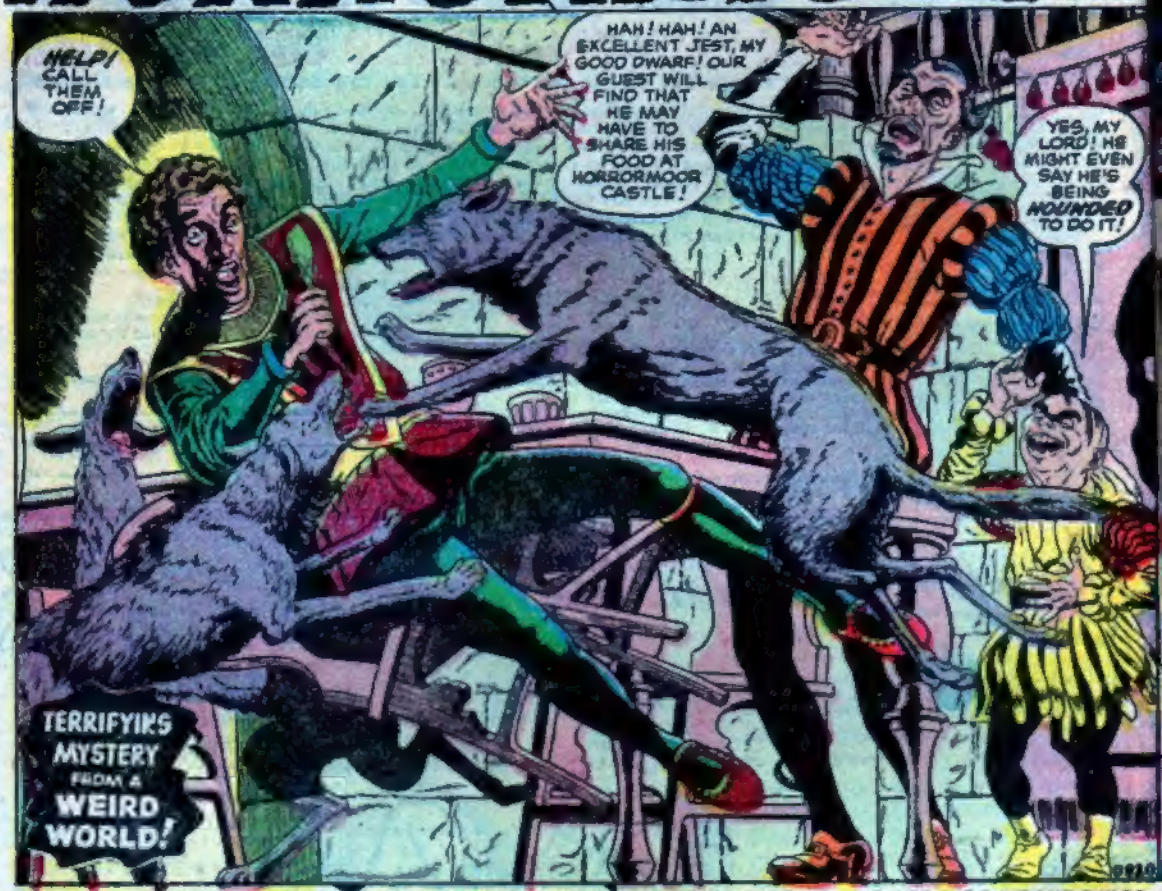
IN THE DAYS WHEN PEOPLE ACTUALLY LIVED IN CASTLES, THE BIG SHOTS LIKED NOTHING BETTER THAN TO PLAY PRACTICAL JOKES ON THEIR GUESTS! SO COME ALONG AND LET'S TAKE A PEEK AT THE PRANKS OF . . .

THE DWARF OF HORRORMOOR


HELP! CALL THEM OFF!
HAH! HAH! AN EXCELLENT JEST, MY GOOD DWARF! OUR GUEST WILL FIND THAT HE MAY HAVE TO SHARE HIS FOOD AT HORRORMOOR CASTLE!
YES, MY LORD! HE MIGHT EVEN SAY HE'S BEING WOUNDED TO DO IT!
TERRIFYING MYSTERY FROM A WEIRD WORLD!

AND THE ROARING DUKE OF HORRORMOOR CASTLE SLAPS THE DWARF ON HIS MISSHAPEN BACK! LEGEND HAS FIRMLY DECREED THAT THERE SHALL ALWAYS BE A DWARF AT HORRORMOOR, OR EVIL WILL BEFALL IT...

AND NOW, WHAT DEVILISH PRANKS HAVE YOU PREPARED FOR OUR OTHER GUESTS?
COME, MY LORD! IF ONE OF OUR GUESTS THROWS HIMSELF DOWN TO SLEEP TOO HARD, HE'LL REST IN PIECES!

AND FROM THEIR HIDING PLACE, THE DUKE AND DWARF WATCH AS A TERRIFIED SCREAM ECHOES THROUGH HORRORMOOR...

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEGEND, FOR GENERATIONS A DWARF HAS ALWAYS LIVED AT HORRORMOOR, BUT NEVER SO CUNNING OR VICIOUS A JESTER AS THE DWARF...

THERE'S BARON WOOLAS! HAVE YOU PREPARED A GOOD TRICK FOR HIM?

AY, MY LORD! ONE THAT WILL SHAKE EVEN *HIS* COURAGE!

THAT NIGHT, AS THE BARON LIES DOWN TO SLEEP, THE COVERS ARE SLOWLY PULLED OFF HIS BED...

HALF ASLEEP, THE BARON DRAWS THEM BACK...

TWICE MORE THE SILENT TUG-OF-WAR CONTINUES, AS THE ANGRY BARON BRACES BELOW HIS [illegible]

THERE! NOW I HAVE YOUR ARM, YOU CURSED JOKER! *COME UP!*

AN ARM! J-JUST AN ARM!

[illegible] EYES, THE TRAPPED BARON STARES AT THE STUMP HE CLUTCHES IN HIS TREMBLING HAND!

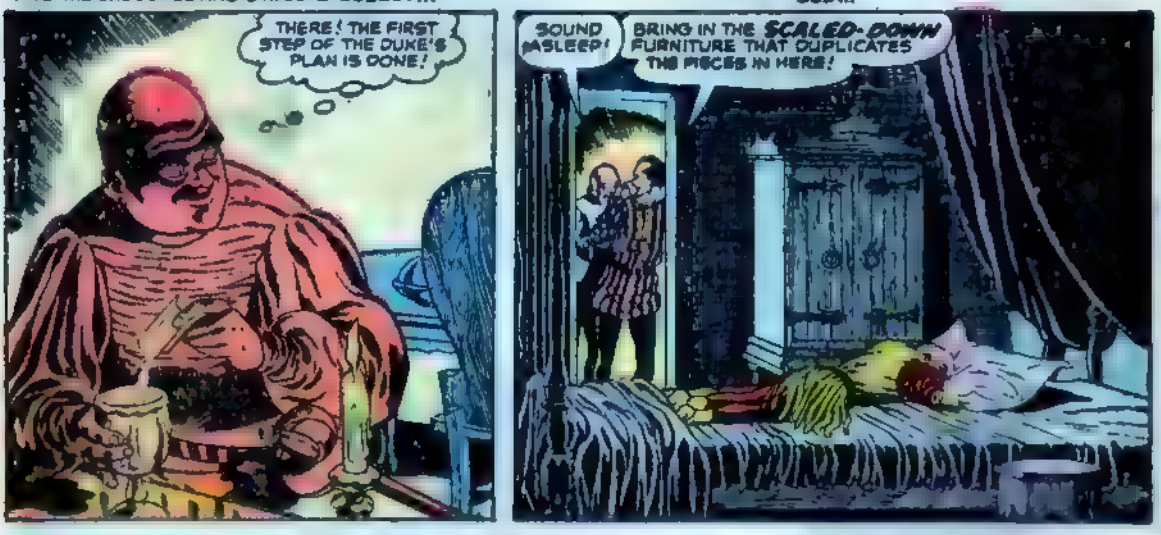
SHOCK BLANCHES THE BARON'S FACE, AS THE DWARF'S LAUGH CUTS THE GRIM SILENCE...

Y-YOU! I'LL TEACH YOU TO PLAY YOUR VILE TRICKS ON ME!

DWARF THAT YOU ARE NOW, I'LL MAKE YOU EVEN SMARTER!
M-MO! HELP!
STOP!
LET ME GO, I CHARGE YOU! HE SCARED ME HALF OUT OF MY WITS WITH THE STUMP OF AN ARM FROM SOME MAGGOTY CORPSE!
WAIT, BARON! I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO KILL MY DWARF! THERE MUST ALWAYS BE A DWARF AT HORRORMOOR! BUT I HAVE A WAY FOR YOU TO TURN TABLES ON HIM! A JEST ON THE JESTER!
IT BETTER BE A GOOD ONE!

THAT EVENING, THE BARON SPILLS A SLEEPING POTION INTO THE UNSUSPECTING DWARF'S GOBLET...

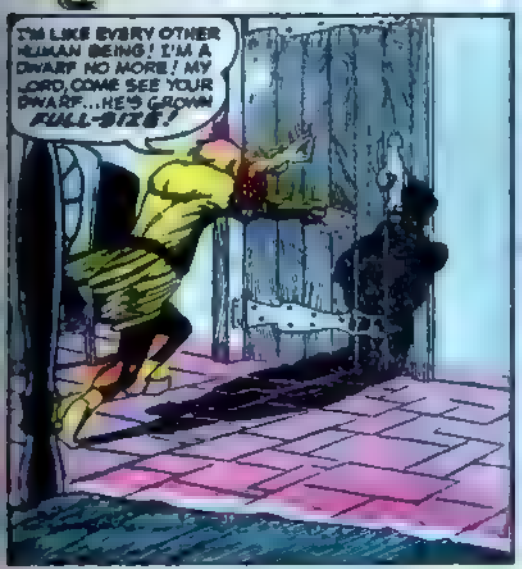
SOON, THE YAWNING DWARF FLOPS DOWN ACROSS HIS FULL-SIZED BED...


THERE! THE FIRST STEP OF THE DUKE'S PLAN IS DONE!
SOUND ASLEEP!
BRING IN THE SCALED-DOWN FURNITURE THAT DUPLICATES THE PIECES IN HERE!

QUIETLY AND CAREFULLY, EACH PIECE OF FURNITURE IS REPLACED BY A DWARF MODEL OF ITSELF, THE CEILING LOWERED WITH A FALSE CEILING AND THE DRUGGED DWARF SWITCHED TO HIS NEW BED...

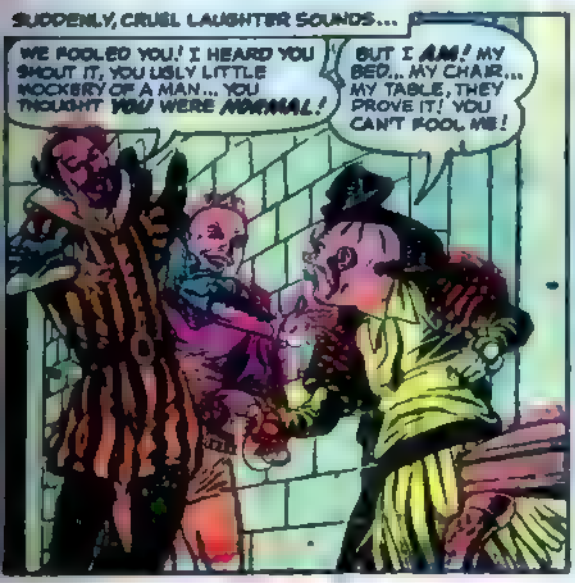
AS THE CONCEALED DUKE AND BARON WATCH, THE SLEEPING DWARF ROLLS FITFULLY, STIRS AND FINALLY RISES IN HIS NEW PROPORTIONED BED! THEN HE GLANCES DOWN

RUSHING FROM ONE FAMILIAR PIECE TO ANOTHER IN HIS ROOM, THE INCREDULOUS DWARF SHOUTS THE WONDROUS WORDS...



HIS FACE BEAMING WITH NEW-FOUND JOY, HE PULLS OPEN HIS DOOR, BUT HORROR SUDDENLY GRIPS HIS HEART...

SUDDENLY, CRUEL LAUGHTER SOUNDS...

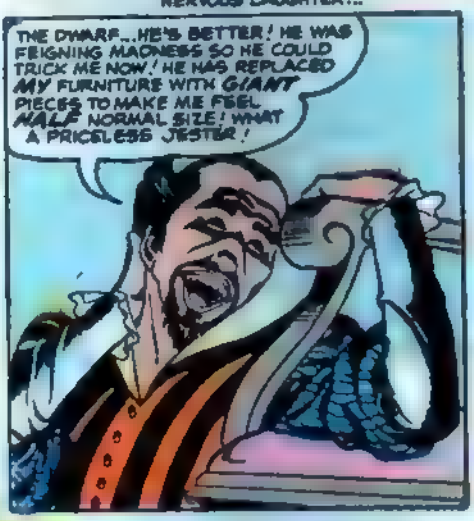

WE FOOLED YOU! I HEARD YOU SHOUT IT, YOU UGLY LITTLE MOCKERY OF A MAN... YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE NORMAL!
BUT I AM! MY BED... MY CHAIR... MY TABLE, THEY PROVE IT! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!

ALL DAY LONG, THE DWARF FEEBLY MUTTERS ONE PHRASE, "I AM NORMAL!"

I CANNOT CURE HIM! AND THIS FIT OF DEPRESSION COULD KILL HIM SHORTLY!
NO! HE MUSTN'T DIE YET! THERE MUST ALWAYS BE A DWARF AT HORRORMOOR! I'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER ONE AT ONCE!

MESSENGERS RIDE OFF IN SEARCH OF A DWARF, AND THE EXHAUSTED DUKE LIES DOWN TO SLEEP! WHEN HE AWAKENS, HE IS AWARE OF A STRANGE, APPREHENSIVE FEELING! HE LOOKS AROUND, THEN STARES IN ABJECT TERROR...

SUDDENLY, THE TERRIFIED DUKE BURSTS INTO NERVOUS LAUGHTER...


THE DWARF...HE'S BETTER! HE WAS FEIGNING MADNESS SO HE COULD TRICK ME NOW! HE HAS REPLACED MY FURNITURE WITH GIANT PIECES TO MAKE ME FEEL HALF NORMAL SIZE! WHAT A PRICELESS JESTER!

AS THE DUKE STRIDES CONFIDENTLY FROM HIS CHAMBER...

THEN SUDDENLY, THE DUKE REALIZES THE LEGEND IS FULFILLED... THERE IS STILL A LIVING DWARF AT HORRORMOOR!

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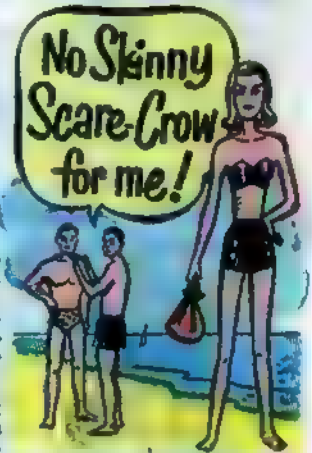

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"Very depressing place, this," Countess Le Pons murmured, and drew her fur coat closer around her.

"Now, as I understand it," Jonas Allbright said to Mr. Bodkins, "That haunt of yours appears at midnight. Is that right?"

Mr. Bodkins wagged his shriveled old head. "At the stroke of twelve, The Night Horror will enter this house," he affirmed.

Reggie Twistle shivered. "I say, this Night Horror, just what is it supposed to do, old man?"

Mr. Bodkins smiled. "Accordin' to the legends of Cobweb Corners," he said slowly, "it will devour every living thing it finds on the premises."

"That's only legend, of course," Jonas Allbright put in hurriedly. "Actually, no one's ever seen this haunt, because it's supposed to appear only once every hundred years."

"Maybe this wasn't such a good idea," mumbled Lester de Graff, another of the guests.

"Nonsense, Lester," Jonas Allbright boomed. "We all agreed to have this party in a haunted house. Surely you don't really believe anything dangerous will happen? Mr. Bodkins has agreed to stay with us—"

"No," Mr. Bodkins interrupted, "I gotta be gone for a little while. But I'll be back, all right."

Before anyone could stop him, he had disappeared through a door at the back. The servants spread out food and drink, and for a while the merry party made everyone forget his fears. Then silence fell as they became aware of the late hour.

"It's almost midnight," Mrs. Waterford said peevishly, "and that Mr. Bodkins hasn't returned. Really, Jonas, I'm not sure this was such a good idea—"

She was interrupted by the sound of a clock striking midnight.

"This is the hour," someone whispered—then there was a scream as all the lights went out.

"Look!" Countess Le Pons shouted in terror, *"Something's* coming through the door!"

A horrible white figure floated through the door. It was twice the size of a man and its grotesque countenance showed long pointed fangs. But, there was something about it that was familiar . . .

"It—it's Mr. Bodkins!" Jonas Allbright shrieked.

A tomblike voice issued from the apparition. "Yesss, that is the form I assume in the daytime, my friend. Now if you're ready, I can begin my feast!"

In the morning, when the frightened townsfolk arrived, there were only a few whitened bones left, scattered on the floor of the house.

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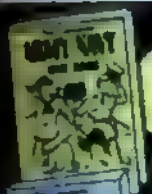

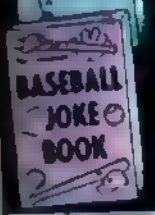

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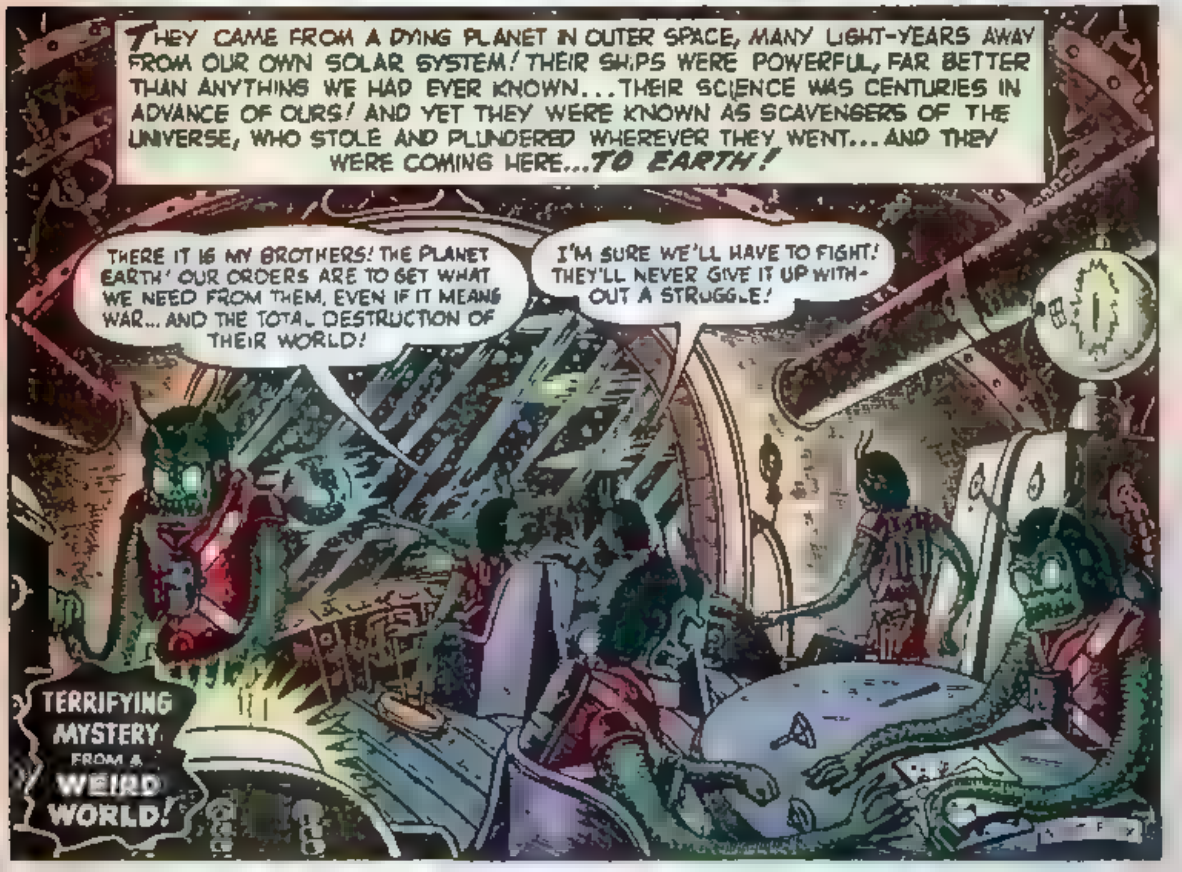
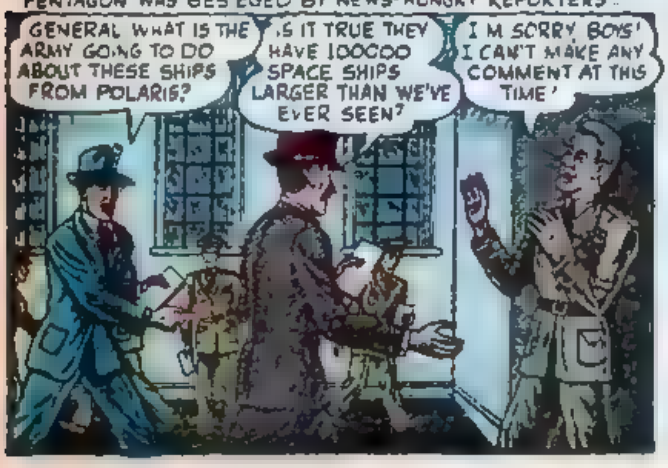
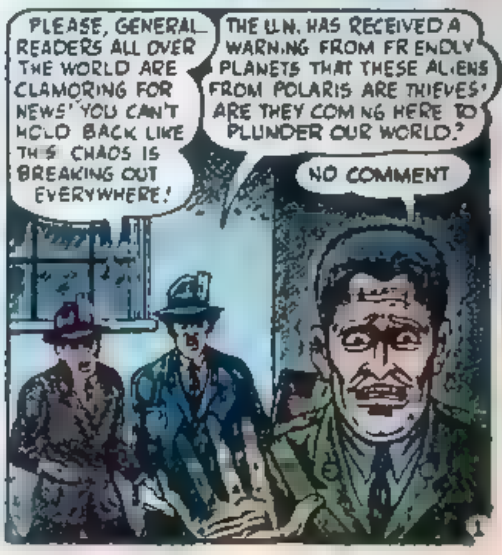

THEY CAME FROM A DYING PLANET IN OUTER SPACE, MANY LIGHT-YEARS AWAY FROM OUR OWN SOLAR SYSTEM! THEIR SHIPS WERE POWERFUL, FAR BETTER THAN ANYTHING WE HAD EVER KNOWN... THEIR SCIENCE WAS CENTURIES IN ADVANCE OF OURS! AND YET THEY WERE KNOWN AS SCAVENGERS OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO STOLE AND PLUNDERED WHEREVER THEY WENT... AND THEY WERE COMING HERE... TO EARTH!
THERE IT IS MY BROTHERS! THE PLANET EARTH! OUR ORDERS ARE TO GET WHAT WE NEED FROM THEM, EVEN IF IT MEANS WAR... AND THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THEIR WORLD!
I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT! THEY'LL NEVER GIVE IT UP WITHOUT A STRUGGLE!
TERRIFYING MYSTERY FROM A WEIRD WORLD!

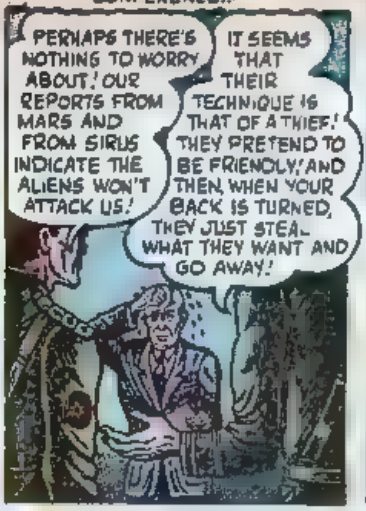
THEIR COMING WAS REPORTED TO EARTH BY OBSERVERS AT MOUNT PALOMAR, AND THE NEWS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE! TELEGRAPH WIRES HUMMED AND THE GENERAL STAFF AT THE PENTAGON WAS BESIEGED BY NEWS-HUNGRY REPORTERS...


GENERAL WHAT IS THE ARMY GOING TO DO ABOUT THESE SHIPS FROM POLARIS?
IS IT TRUE THEY HAVE 100000 SPACE SHIPS LARGER THAN WE'VE EVER SEEN?
I'M SORRY, BOYS! I CAN'T MAKE ANY COMMENT AT THIS TIME!


PLEASE, GENERAL... READERS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE CLAMORING FOR NEWS! YOU CAN'T HOLD BACK LIKE THIS! CHAOS IS BREAKING OUT EVERYWHERE!
THE U.N. HAS RECEIVED A WARNING FROM FRIENDLY PLANETS THAT THESE ALIENS FROM POLARIS ARE THIEVES! ARE THEY COMING HERE TO PLUNDER OUR WORLD?
NO COMMENT

ASTRONOMERS' REPORTS OF THE ALIEN FLEET HEADED DIRECTLY FOR EARTH SHOOK THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD OUT OF THEIR LETHARGY, AND THE WIRES CARRIED FRANTIC MESSAGES TO THE WHITE HOUSE...

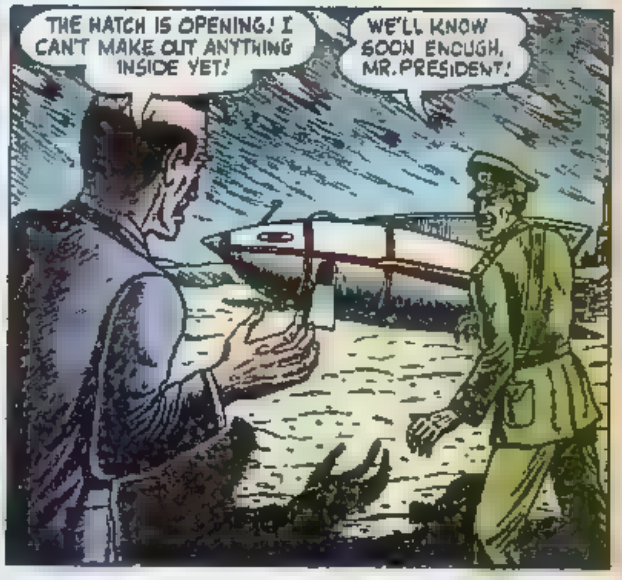
AT THE CAPITOL, THE PRESIDENT AND HIS GENERAL STAFF WERE IN CONFERENCE...


PERHAPS THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! OUR REPORTS FROM MARS AND FROM SIRUS INDICATE THE ALIENS WON'T ATTACK US!
IT SEEMS THAT THEIR TECHNIQUE IS THAT OF A THIEF! THEY PRETEND TO BE FRIENDLY, AND THEN, WHEN YOUR BACK IS TURNED, THEY JUST STEAL WHAT THEY WANT AND GO AWAY!

DAYS PASSED INTO WEEKS AND MONTHS... AND THEN PEOPLE BEGAN TO SEE WITH THE NAKED EYE THE STRANGE SHAPS THAT HAD COME TO MEAN TERROR AND PERHAPS DESTRUCTION! THEN, ONE JUNE MORNING, THEY ENTERED THE EARTH'S ORBIT... THE SHIPS FROM POLARIS HAD ARRIVED...

HOW WILL THEY EVER LAND THOSE GIANT SPACE SHIPS HERE? THERE'S NOT EVEN ENOUGH ROOM FOR ONE!
THEY DON'T LAND THOSE THINGS! THEY'LL COME IN SMALL SHIPS, JUST A FEW OF THEM... TO TELL US WHAT THEY'RE HERE FOR!

THEY'RE COMING! WITH A FLEET LIKE THAT, THEY COULD WIPE US OUT IN AN HOUR!
WELL IF THEY MEAN TO DO US HARM, WE MAY LOSE. BUT WE'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING! THE ARMY, NAVY AND MARINES ARE IN READINESS!



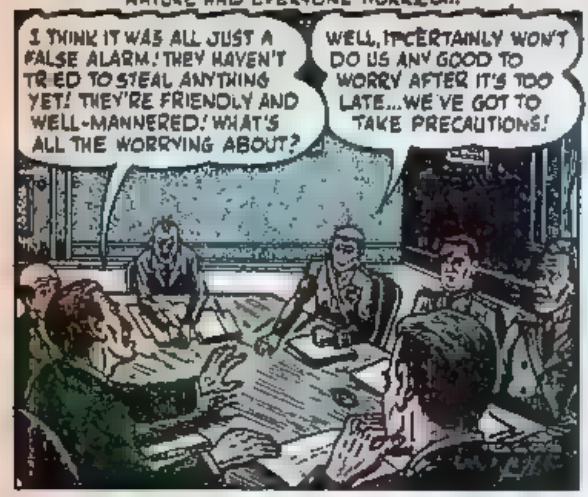
THE HUGE METAL DOOR SWUNG WIDE OPEN, AND FROM EVERY THROAT THERE CAME A GASP OF SHOCK! THERE WAS AN INSTINCTIVE REVULSION FOR THE SLIMY CREATURES WHO HAD COME THOUSANDS OF LIGHT-YEARS ACROSS SPACE...

GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT GHASTLY-LOOKING THINGS THEY ARE!
SHHH! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT POWERS THEY MAY HAVE! MAYBE THEY CAN READ OUR MINDS!

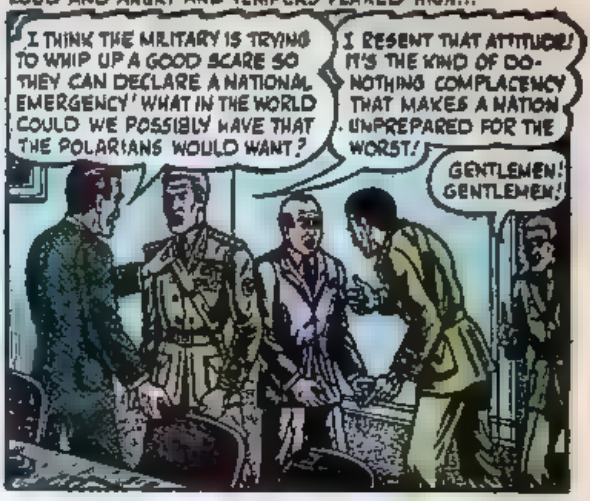
THE SECOND SHOCK WAS THE UNEXPECTED BEHAVIOR OF THE POLARIANS! THEY STEPPED DOWN FROM THEIR SHIPS, WITH ALL THEIR TENTACLES OVER THEIR HEADS IN A GESTURE OF INTERPLANETARY FRIENDLINESS THAT WAS UNIVERSAL! A SIGH OF RELIEF SWEPT OVER THE MOB... THE ALIENS HAD COME IN PEACE!

WELCOME TO OUR PLANET, PEOPLE OF POLARIS... IN THE NAME OF PEACE, WE EXTEND OUR HOSPITALITY TO YOU!
THANK YOU. WE DO NOT COME WITH INTENT OF WAR. OUR VISIT HERE WILL BE A SHORT ONE, AND THEN WE RETURN TO OUR HOME BEYOND THE YEARS!

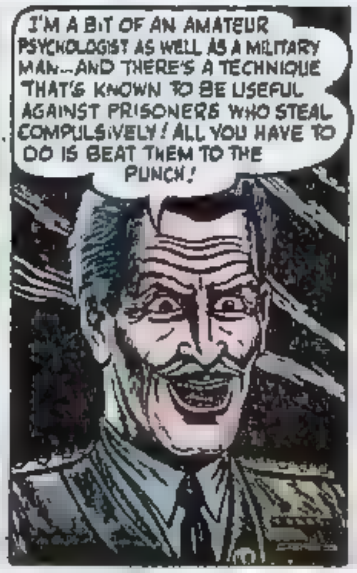
THE DAYS PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT, AND THE POLARIANS SEEMED TO BE ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR! BUT THE [redacted] THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED OF THEIR THIEVING NATURE HAD EVERYONE WORRIED...

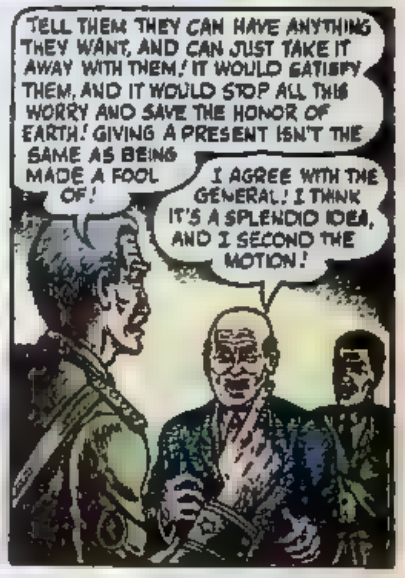

I THINK IT WAS ALL JUST A FALSE ALARM! THEY HAVEN'T TRIED TO STEAL ANYTHING YET! THEY'RE FRIENDLY AND WELL-MANNERED! WHAT'S ALL THE WORRYING ABOUT?
WELL, IPCERTAINLY WON'T DO US ANY GOOD TO WORRY AFTER IT'S TOO LATE...WE'VE GOT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS!

SOON THE GROUP WAS SPLIT INTO TWO CAMPS, AND A BITTER ARGUMENT RAGED BETWEEN THOSE WHO TRUSTED THE ALIENS AND THOSE WHO FEARED THEM! VOICES WERE LOUD AND ANGRY AND TEMPERS FLARED HIGH...

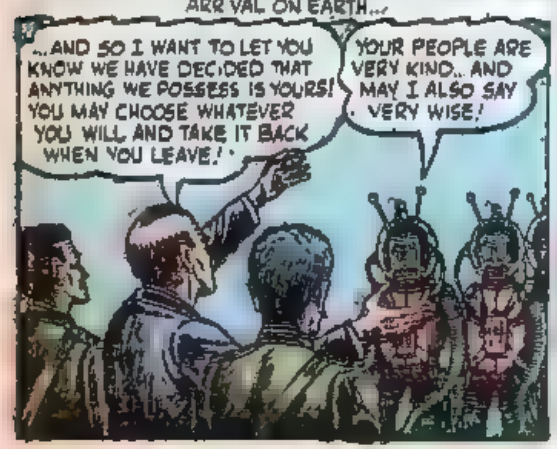

I THINK THE MILITARY IS TRYING TO WHIP UP A GOOD SCARE SO THEY CAN DECLARE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY! WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD WE POSSIBLY HAVE THAT THE POLARIANS WOULD WANT?
I RESENT THAT ATTITUDE! IT'S THE KIND OF DO-NOTHING COMPLACENCY THAT MAKES A NATION UNPREPARED FOR THE WORST!
GENTLEMEN! GENTLEMEN!

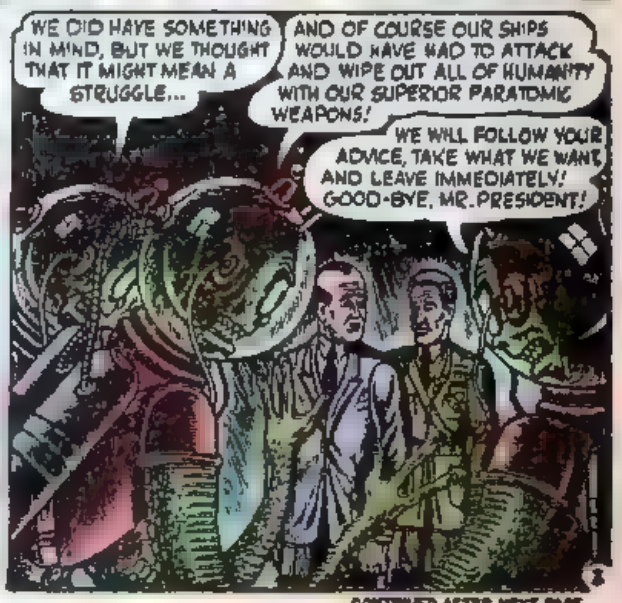
THIS FIGHTING AND BICKERING BETWEEN OURSELVES WILL GET US NOWHERE! I THINK I MAY HAVE A SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM THAT WILL BE A COMPROMISE!


I'M A BIT OF AN AMATEUR PSYCHOLOGIST AS WELL AS A MILITARY MAN...AND THERE'S A TECHNIQUE THAT'S KNOWN TO BE USEFUL AGAINST PRISONERS WHO STEAL COMPULSIVELY! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BEAT THEM TO THE PUNCH!


TELL THEM THEY CAN HAVE ANYTHING THEY WANT, AND CAN JUST TAKE IT AWAY WITH THEM! IT WOULD SATISFY THEM, AND IT WOULD STOP ALL THIS WORRY AND SAVE THE HONOR OF EARTH! GIVING A PRESENT ISN'T THE SAME AS BEING MADE A FOOL OF!
I AGREE WITH THE GENERAL! I THINK IT'S A SPLENDID IDEA, AND I SECOND THE MOTION!

THE IDEA WAS ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE CIVILIAN AND THE MILITARY! THE POLARIANS WERE NOTIFIED THAT THE PRESIDENT WISHED AN AUDIENCE WITH THEIR LEADERS, AND THEY CAME PROMPTLY WITH THE SAME GRACIOUSNESS THAT THEY HAD EXHIBITED SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL ON EARTH...


...AND SO I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW WE HAVE DECIDED THAT ANYTHING WE POSSESS IS YOURS! YOU MAY CHOOSE WHATEVER YOU WILL AND TAKE IT BACK WHEN YOU LEAVE!
YOUR PEOPLE ARE VERY KIND.. AND MAY I ALSO SAY VERY WISE!


WE DID HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND, BUT WE THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT MEAN A STRUGGLE...
AND OF COURSE OUR SHIPS WOULD HAVE HAD TO ATTACK AND WIPE OUT ALL OF HUMANITY WITH OUR SUPERIOR PARATOMIC WEAPONS!
WE WILL FOLLOW YOUR ADVICE, TAKE WHAT WE WANT, AND LEAVE IMMEDIATELY! GOOD-BYE, MR. PRESIDENT!

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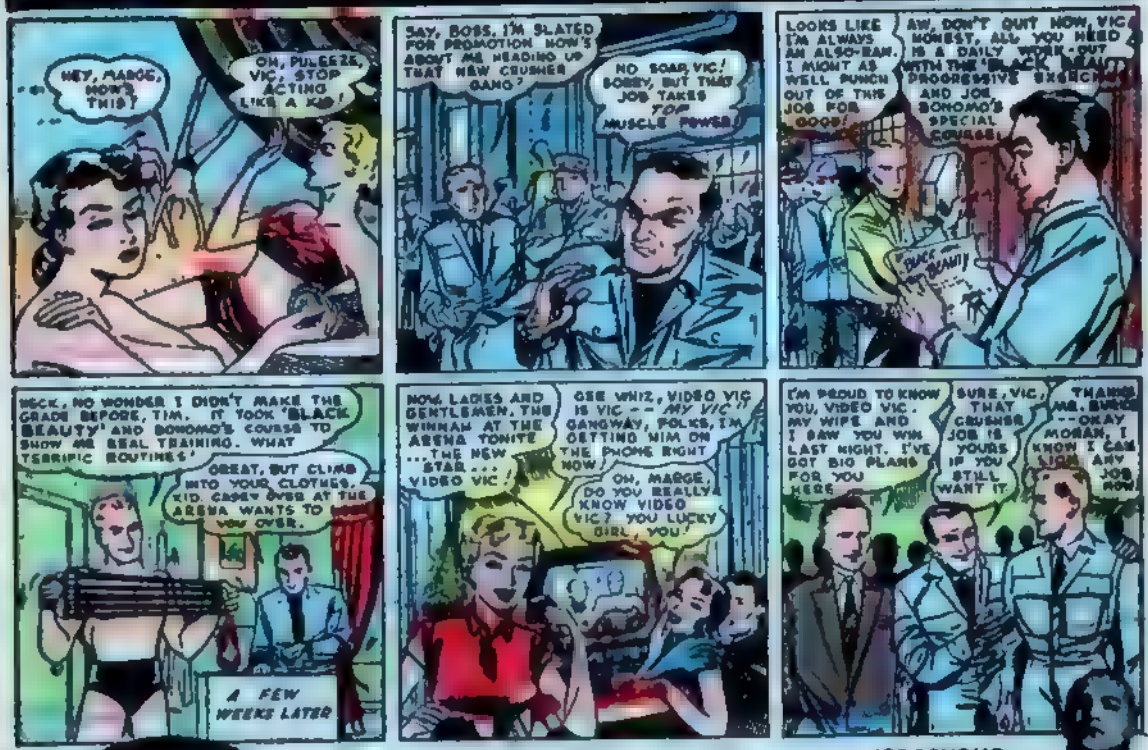
HEY, MARGE, HOW'S THIS?
OH, PLEEEZE, VIC, STOP ACTING LIKE A KID!
SAY, BOSS, I'M SLATED FOR PROMOTION NOW'S ABOUT ME HEADING UP THAT NEW CRUSHER GANG?
NO SOAP, VIC! SORRY, BUT THAT JOB TAKES TOP MUSCLE POWER!
LOOKS LIKE I'M ALWAYS AN ALSO-RAN. I MIGHT AS WELL PUNCH OUT OF THIS JOB FOR GOOD!
AW, DON'T QUIT NOW, VIC! HONEST, ALL YOU NEED IS A DAILY WORK-OUT WITH THE 'BLACK BEAUTY' PROGRESSIVE EXERCISER AND JOE BONOMO'S SPECIAL COURSE!
BLACK BEAUTY
HECK, NO WONDER I DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE BEFORE, TIM. IT TOOK 'BLACK BEAUTY' AND BONOMO'S COURSE TO SHOW ME REAL TRAINING. WHAT TERRIFIC ROUTINES!
GREAT, BUT CLIMB INTO YOUR CLOTHES, KID. CASEY OVER AT THE ARENA WANTS TO SIGN YOU OVER.
A FEW WEEKS LATER
NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE WINNAH AT THE ARENA TONITE ...THE NEW STAR... VIDEO VIC!
GEE WHIZ, VIDEO VIC IS VIC -- MY VIC!" GANGWAY, FOLKS, I'M GETTING HIM ON THE PHONE RIGHT NOW!
OH, MARGE, DO YOU REALLY KNOW VIDEO VIC? YOU LUCKY GIRL, YOU!
I'M PROUD TO KNOW YOU, VIDEO VIC. MY WIFE AND I SAW YOU WIN LAST NIGHT. I'VE GOT BIG PLANS FOR YOU HERE
SURE, VIC, THAT CRUSHER JOB IS YOURS IF YOU STILL WANT IT
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YES, MR. PRESIDENT, I THINK WE CAN ALL REST EASIER NOW!

THE SOONER THEY GO THE BETTER! LET THEM TAKE ANYTHING THEY WANT... ANYTHING... AS LONG AS THEY GET OUT OF HERE AND LEAVE US ALONE!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SIR? WHY ARE YOU RUBBING YOUR HANDS THAT WAY?

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE STOPPED HIS PACING AND LOOKED DOWN AT HIS HANDS! LARGE GOOSE PIMPLES HAD APPEARED ON THE BACKS OF HIS WRISTS!

I-I REALLY DON'T KNOW! BUT SOMEHOW I SUDDENLY FELT A CHILL! YES, IT'S GETTING COLD AWFULLY QUICKLY FOR JUNE!

THE COLDNESS HAD COME VERY SUDDENLY! AND THE ASTONISHED GENERAL POINTED TO THE WINDOW! A DARK SHADOW SEEMED TO SWEEP OVER THEM, AS IF NIGHT HAD COME EARLIER THAN USUAL...

LOOK! IT'S GETTING DARK ALREADY! THE DAYS MUST BE GETTING SHORTER!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND

BOTH MEN STARED OUT OF THE WINDOW INTO THE DARKNESS THAT WAS SWIFTLY SWEEPING OVER THE CITY! THEY LOOKED UP...AND SCREAMED!

NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE! THEY CAN'T DO THAT TO US! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!

THE SUDDEN COLDNESS, THE SWIFT PENETRATING SHADOWS OF DARKNESS WERE EXPLAINED NOW AS THEY LOOKED UP INTO THE SKIES! THE ALIENS HAD COME FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND NOW TOOK THE EARTHMEN'S OFFER AT FACE VALUE! THE FANTASTIC POWER OF THOUSANDS OF GIANT SHIPS WAS BEING USED TO HAUL AWAY *THE SUN!*

THERE WAS NO ANSWER TO THIS! BECAUSE THE SUN, WHICH WAS TO BRING NEW LIFE TO THE DYING PLANET OF POLARIS...WAS GONE FROM THE SOLAR SYSTEM! AND WITHOUT A SUN FOR WARMTH AND GRAVITY TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER IT COULD ONLY MEAN THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL THINGS!

THE END

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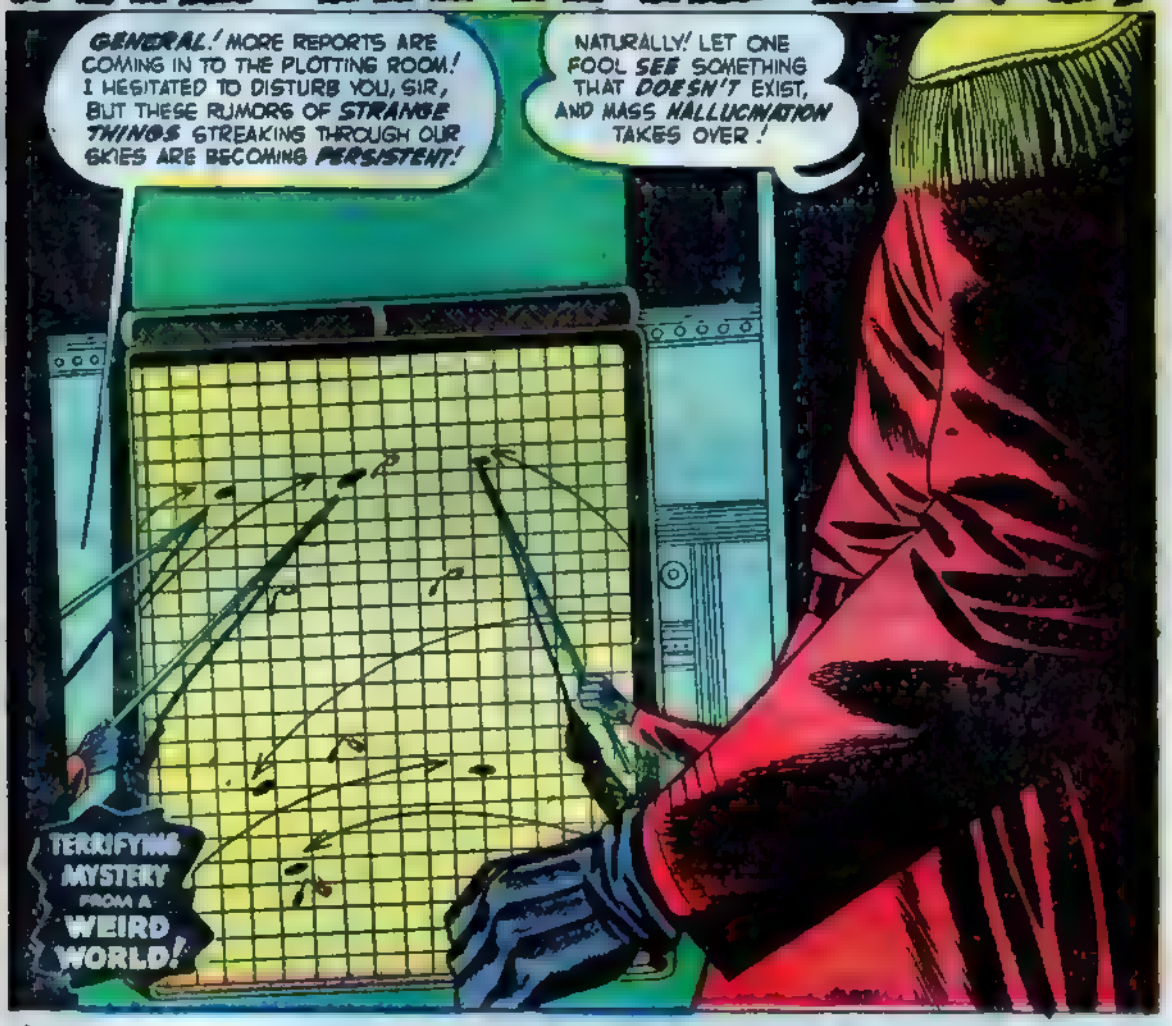
WE KINDA LIKE THESE WEIRDIES ABOUT SPACE TRAVELERS, SO LET'S GO ALONG ON ANOTHER TRIP TO OUTER SPACE! *THIS* TALE, THOUGH, HAS A VERY UNUSUAL TWIST, AND IF *YOU* CAN FIGURE HOW IT'S GONNA END, YOU GET AN *E* FOR *EXPERT!*

THE INVADERS!


GENERAL! MORE REPORTS ARE COMING IN TO THE PLOTTING ROOM! I HESITATED TO DISTURB YOU, SIR, BUT THESE RUMORS OF *STRANGE THINGS* STREAKING THROUGH OUR SKIES ARE BECOMING *PERSISTENT!*
NATURALLY! LET ONE FOOL *SEE* SOMETHING THAT *DOESN'T* EXIST, AND MASS *HALLUCINATION* TAKES OVER!
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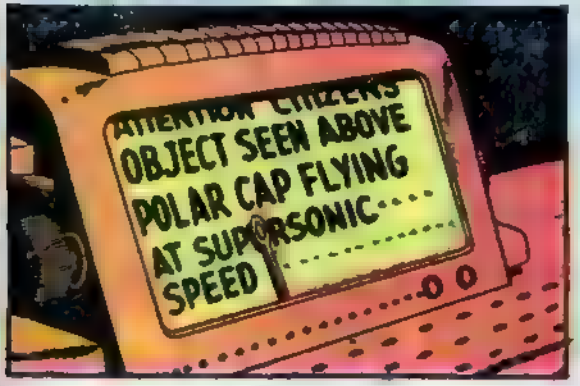
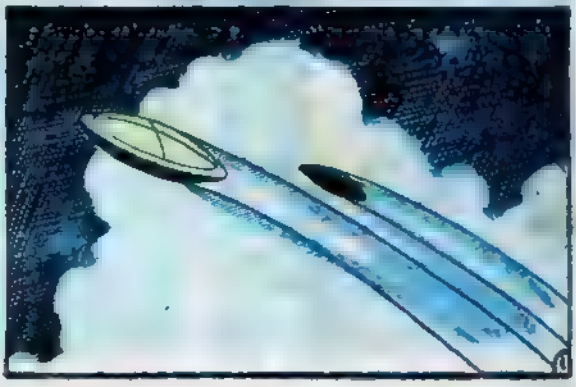
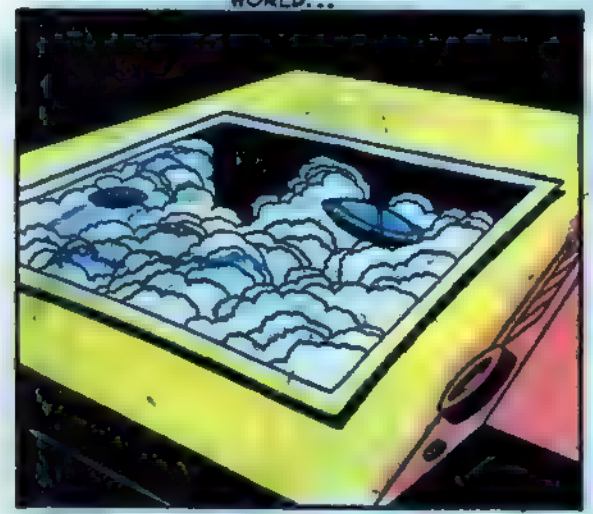
YOU ARE THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF YOUR NATION'S AND YOUR WORLD'S DEFENSE FORCES AND EVEN A VAGUE, PREPOSTEROUS RUMOR SUCH AS THIS ONE DEMANDS YOUR ATTENTION...

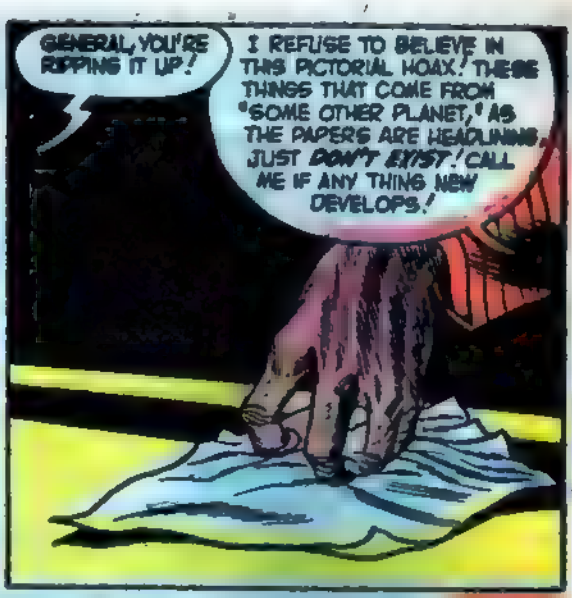


FOR A WEEK NOW, THE REPORTS HAVE BEEN COMING IN! FANTASTIC DISC-SHAPED OBJECTS HAVE BEEN "SEEN" CUTTING ACROSS THE SKY, HOVERING, AND THEN SUDDENLY, VANISHING...

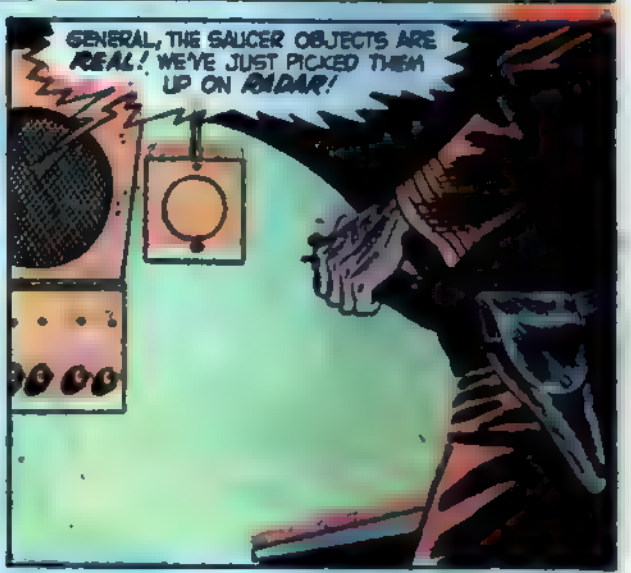


A PICTURE IS BROUGHT IN AND YOU ANALYZE IT! YOU KNOW THE OBJECTS ON IT ARE NOT FROM YOUR WORLD...

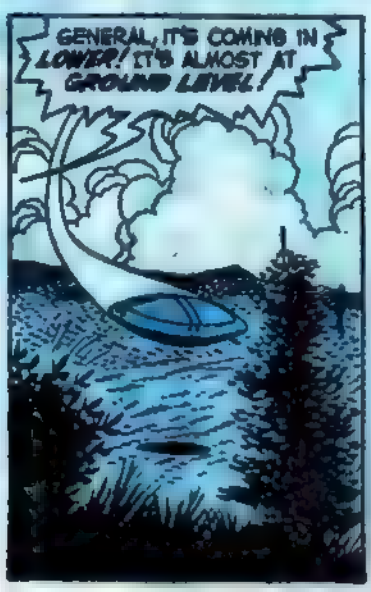


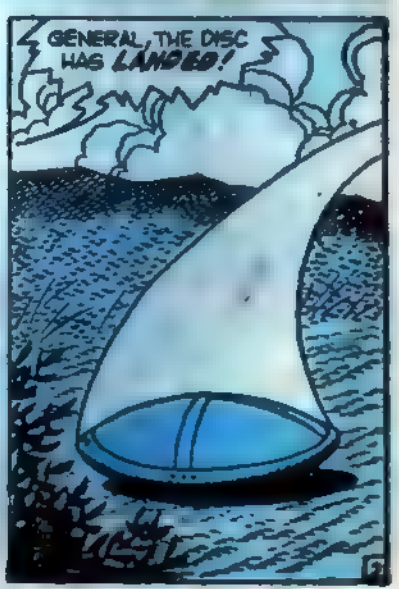

GENERAL, YOU'RE RIPPING IT UP!
I REFUSE TO BELIEVE IN THIS PICTORIAL HOAX! THESE THINGS THAT COME FROM "SOME OTHER PLANET," AS THE PAPERS ARE HEADLINING, JUST DON'T EXIST! CALL ME IF ANY THING NEW DEVELOPS!

FOUR HOURS PASS...YOU ARE RESTING! YOUR MIND IS FINALLY CLEARED OF THIS RIDICULOUS RUMOR! YOU START TO SLEEP, WHEN SUDDENLY YOUR ALARM BELL SOUNDS...



YOU RACE TO THE RADAR ROOM AND THERE, ON THE GIANT SCANNING SCREEN, A SMALL DISC-LIKE OBJECT IS FLYING LOW THROUGH YOUR ATMOSPHERE...





I HAVE A "FIX" ON IT, SIR!

ALERT ALL DEFENSE UNITS AND SEND THEM TO THE AREA! I WANT IMMEDIATE AIR TRANSPORTATION TO THAT DISC'S LANDING SITE!

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, YOUR JET PUTS DOWN NEAR THE STRANGE OBJECT'S LANDING PLACE...

THERE IT IS, SIR! NOW WE *KNOW* IT *ISN'T* FROM *THIS* PLANET!

I WANT ALL UNITS TO SIGHT THEIR GUNS ON IT AND SURROUND IT!

YOUR HEAVIEST GUNS ARE TRUNDLED INTO POSITION, AS YOU WONDER WHAT ALIEN INTELLIGENCE GUIDED THAT MISSILE TO YOUR PLANET! WILL THE OCCUPANTS BE FRIENDLY? IF NOT, ARE YOUR GUNS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DRIVE THE INVADERS BACK INTO SPACE?

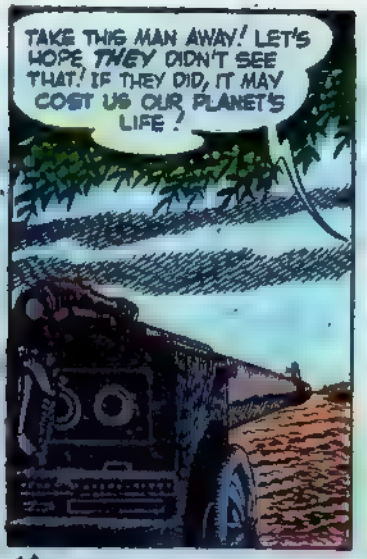
YOU CHECK YOUR GUNS! THE CREWS KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR MISSION...THE FATE OF YOUR PLANET MAY DEPEND ON THEIR AIM!

KEEP THE GUNS TRAINED ON IT, BUT *DON'T FIRE* UNTIL I GIVE THE COMMAND! WE WILL SEE WHAT THEY DO FIRST!

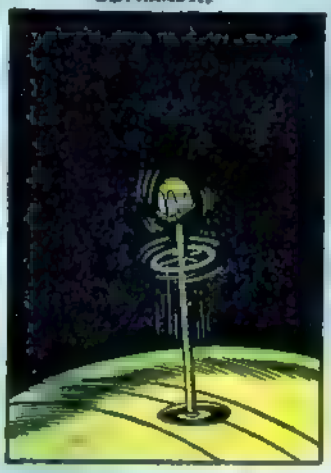
FOR A SILENT HOUR, NOTHING HAPPENS! THE GUNNERS WATCH THROUGH THEIR SIGHTS, HANDS NERVOUSLY ON TRIGGERS, AS THE RELENTLESS TENSION BUILDS! SUDDENLY, A SHAKY GUNNER REACHES MADLY FOR THE ATOMIC CANNON'S LETHAL TRIGGER...

I-I CAN'T *STAND* IT ANY LONGER! I'M GOING TO OPEN UP ON THEM!

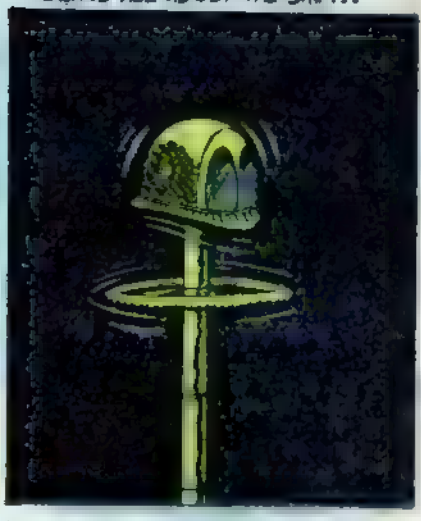
NO! YOU HEARD MY ORDERS!



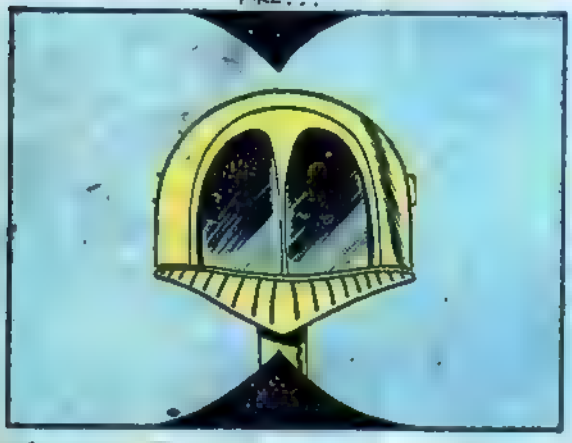
SUDDENLY, THERE IS A MOVEMENT ON THE WEIRD SPACE SHIP! A TUBE SNAKES OUTWARD...



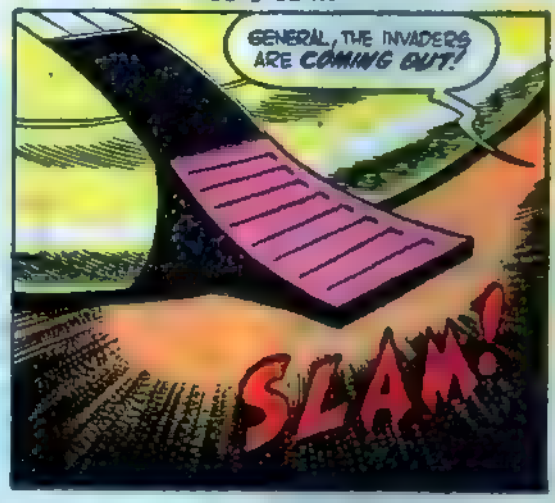
YOU CAN SEE ITS LENS AS IT TURNS AND SCANS ALL ABOUT THE SHIP...



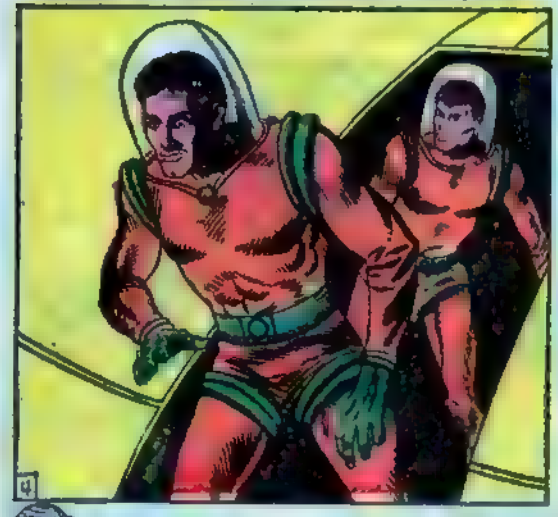
YOU FOCUS YOUR HIGH-POWERED GLASSES ON IT AND SUDDENLY, THE LENS STOPS... THE CREATURES IN THE CRAFT ARE CAREFULLY EXAMINING YOU... PERHAPS, TAKING AIM! BUT STILL YOU HOLD YOUR FIRE...



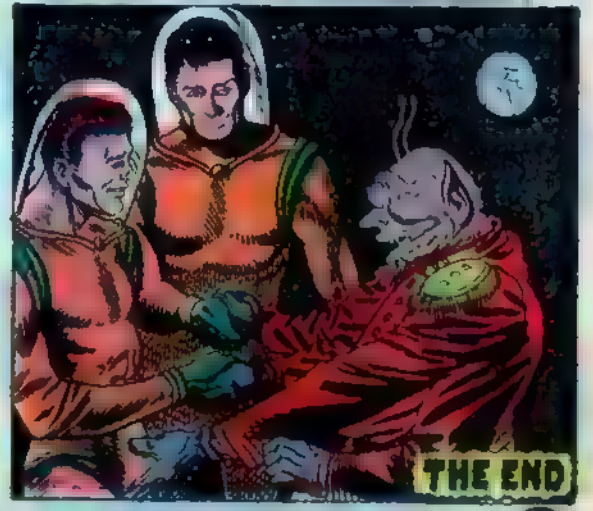
THEN, FROM THE METALLIC BODY, A RAMP SUDDENLY SHOOTS OUT...



AND FROM THE STRANGE SHIP, FANTASTIC CREATURES EMERGE, PALE-FACED AND WITH ONLY FOUR LIMBS...



BUT THEY SMILE AND YOU RUSH FORWARD TO WELCOME THESE SPACE TRAVELERS TO YOUR PLANET MARS!



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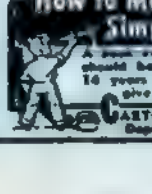

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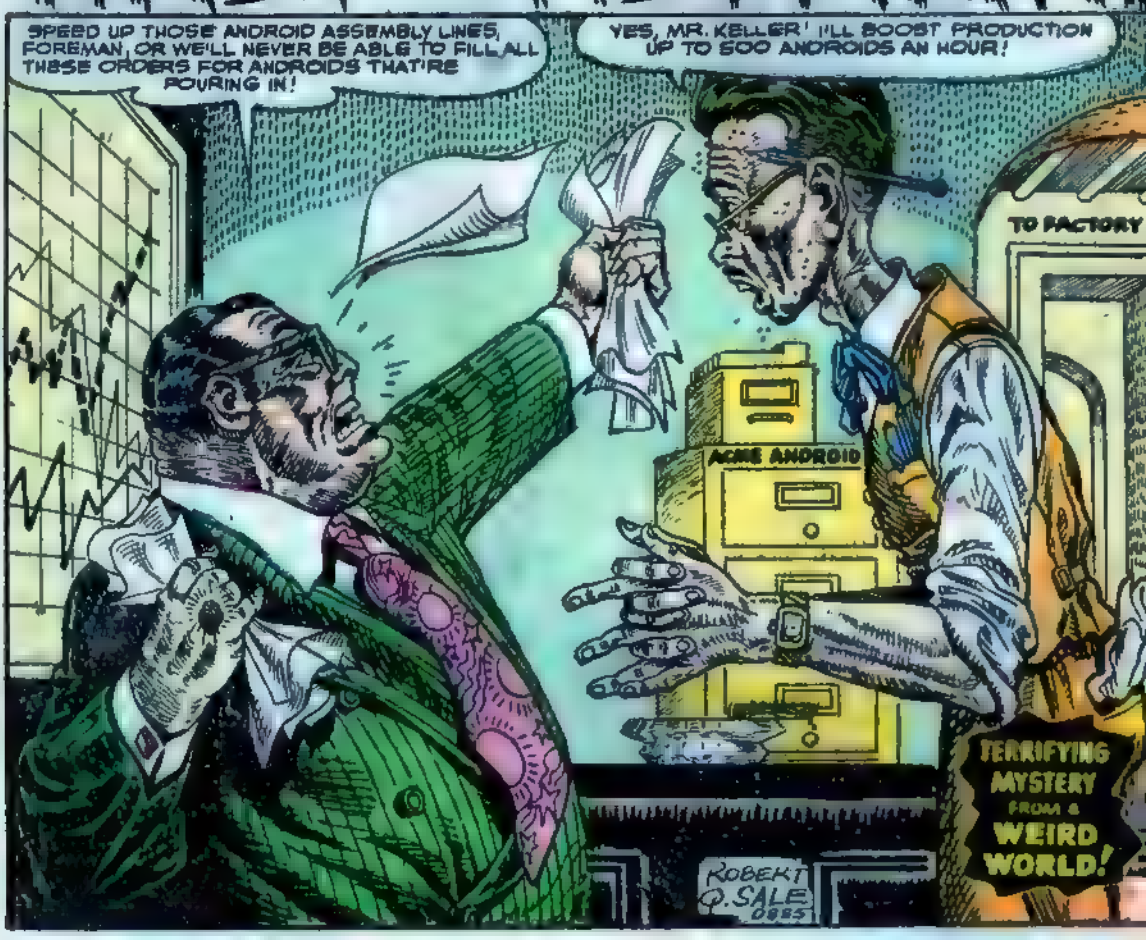
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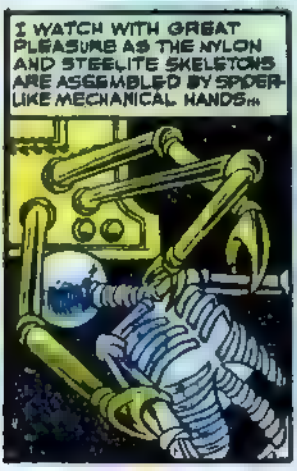
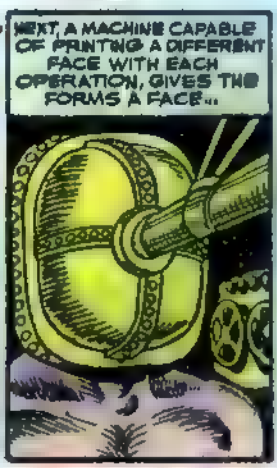
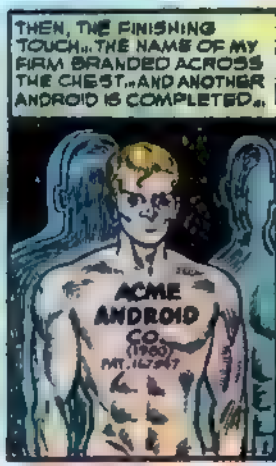
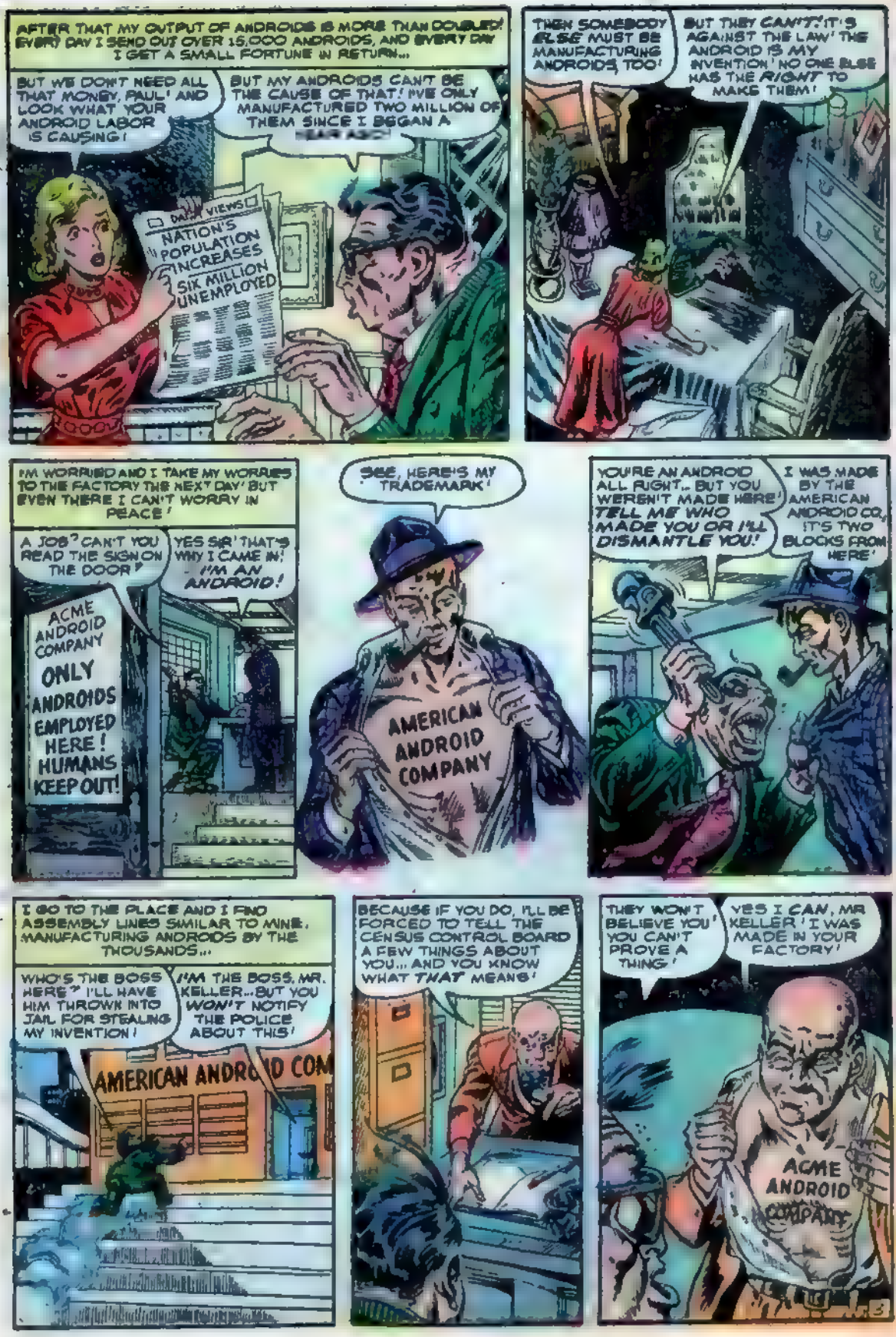
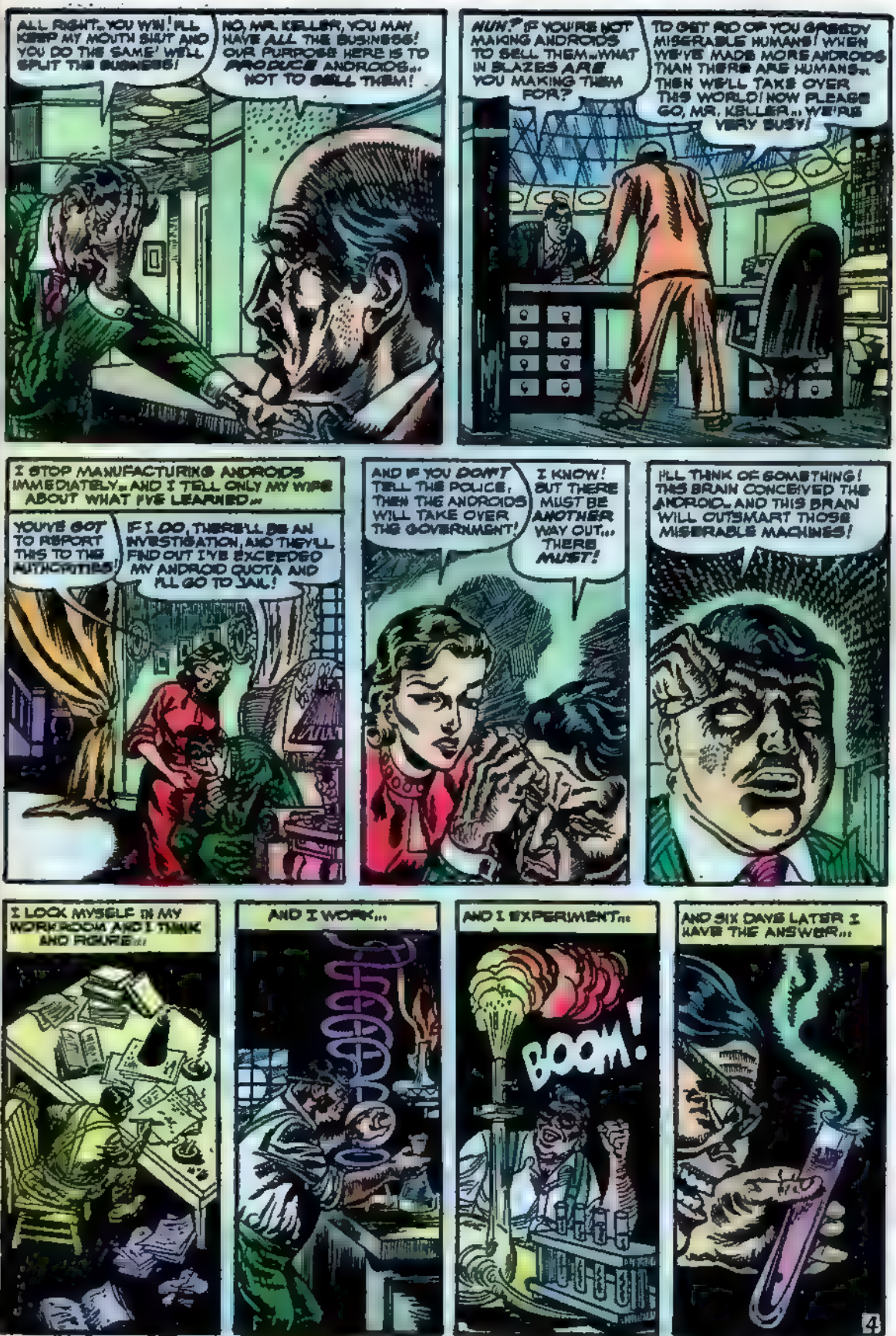





THEN, THE FINISHING TOUCH... THE NAME OF MY FIRM BRANDED ACROSS THE CHEST... AND ANOTHER ANDROID IS COMPLETED...
ACME ANDROID CO. (1960) PAT. 167947

THOUSANDS OF ANDROIDS COME OFF MY FACTORY'S ASSEMBLY LINE EVERY DAY...
THE MANUFACTURED MEN AND WOMEN ARE SO PERFECT THAT WHEN THEY'RE CLOTHED THEY CAN'T BE DISTINGUISHED FROM HUMAN BEINGS...
THIS BATCH OF 20 FEMALES AND 30 MALES IS ALL SET FOR DELIVERY, MR. KELLER!
GOOD! TELL THEM TO DELIVER THEMSELVES TO THE CARTER CANDY CO. ON 14 TH. ST.! I'LL PHONE THE MANAGER THAT THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY OVER!
ACME ANDROID COMPANY
MY ANDROID BUSINESS IS A GOLD MINE... BUT ONLY MY WIFE AND I KNOW WHAT KIND OF GOLD MINE...
HELLO, DARLING! WHAT A DAY! OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDERS! EVERY BUSINESS ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY IS BEGGING ME FOR MY ANDROIDS!
BUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS DISHONEST! YOU'RE MAKING TOO MANY ANDROIDS!
THE CENSUS CONTROL BOARD GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO MANUFACTURE ONLY A THOUSAND ANDROIDS A YEAR... AND YOU MAKE MORE THAN THAT IN A DAY!
PLEASE, DARLING, DON'T MAKE ANY MORE! SELL THE FACTORY AND LET'S GO AWAY!
I PROMISED YOU EVERYTHING MONEY COULD BUY WHEN WE GOT MARRIED, HONEY... AND I'M NOT GOING TO STOP UNTIL I FULFILL THAT PROMISE!
I KEEP ON MANUFACTURING ANDROIDS, AND THE MONEY KEEPS ROLLING IN! ANDROIDS WORK HARDER, AND LONGER, AND REQUIRE NO FOOD... SO EVERY INDUSTRY STARTS REPLACING HUMAN LABOR WITH MY ANDROIDS...
YOU'VE GOT TO BOOST PRODUCTION, FOREMAN! KEEP THE ASSEMBLY LINES GOING DAY AND NIGHT!
IT CAN'T BE DONE, MR. KELLER! AFTER ALL, THE MACHINE-OPERATORS ARE ONLY HUMAN!
THAT'S JUST THE TROUBLE! YOU'RE HUMAN! YOU AND ALL THE REST ARE FIRED! I'M REPLACING YOU WITH ANDROIDS! THEY'LL WORK DAY AND NIGHT WITHOUT GRUPING... AND WITHOUT PAY!


AFTER THAT MY OUTPUT OF ANDROIDS IS MORE THAN DOUBLED! EVERY DAY I SEND OUT OVER 15,000 ANDROIDS, AND EVERY DAY I GET A SMALL FORTUNE IN RETURN...
BUT WE DON'T NEED ALL THAT MONEY, PAUL! AND LOOK WHAT YOUR ANDROID LABOR IS CAUSING!
BUT MY ANDROIDS CAN'T BE THE CAUSE OF THAT! I'VE ONLY MANUFACTURED TWO MILLION OF THEM SINCE I BEGAN A
DAILY VIEWS
NATION'S POPULATION INCREASES
SIX MILLION UNEMPLOYED
THEN SOMEBODY ELSE MUST BE MANUFACTURING ANDROIDS, TOO!
BUT THEY CAN'T! IT'S AGAINST THE LAW! THE ANDROID IS MY INVENTION! NO ONE ELSE HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE THEM!
I'M WORRIED AND I TAKE MY WORRIES TO THE FACTORY THE NEXT DAY! BUT EVEN THERE I CAN'T WORRY IN PEACE!
A JOB? CAN'T YOU READ THE SIGN ON THE DOOR?
YES SIR! THAT'S WHY I CAME IN! I'M AN ANDROID!
ACME ANDROID COMPANY
ONLY ANDROIDS EMPLOYED HERE! HUMANS KEEP OUT!
SEE, HERE'S MY TRADEMARK!
AMERICAN ANDROID COMPANY
YOU'RE AN ANDROID ALL RIGHT... BUT YOU WEREN'T MADE HERE! TELL ME WHO MADE YOU OR I'LL DISMANTLE YOU!
I WAS MADE BY THE AMERICAN ANDROID CO., IT'S TWO BLOCKS FROM HERE!
I GO TO THE PLACE AND I FIND ASSEMBLY LINES SIMILAR TO MINE, MANUFACTURING ANDROIDS BY THE THOUSANDS...
WHO'S THE BOSS HERE? I'LL HAVE HIM THROWN INTO JAIL FOR STEALING MY INVENTION!
I'M THE BOSS, MR. KELLER... BUT YOU WON'T NOTIFY THE POLICE ABOUT THIS!
AMERICAN ANDRO D COM
BECAUSE IF YOU DO, I'LL BE FORCED TO TELL THE CENSUS CONTROL BOARD A FEW THINGS ABOUT YOU... AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
THEY WON'T BELIEVE YOU! YOU CAN'T PROVE A THING!
YES I CAN, MR KELLER! I WAS MADE IN YOUR FACTORY!
ACME ANDROID COMPANY


ALL RIGHT... YOU WIN! I'LL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT AND YOU DO THE SAME! WE'LL SPLIT THE BUSINESS!
NO, MR. KELLER, YOU MAY HAVE ALL THE BUSINESS! OUR PURPOSE HERE IS TO PRODUCE ANDROIDS... NOT TO SELL THEM!
HUH? IF YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANDROIDS TO SELL THEM... WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU MAKING THEM FOR?
TO GET RID OF YOU GREEDY MISERABLE HUMANS! WHEN WE'VE MADE MORE ANDROIDS THAN THERE ARE HUMANS... THEN WE'LL TAKE OVER THIS WORLD! NOW PLEASE GO, MR. KELLER... WE'RE VERY BUSY!
I STOP MANUFACTURING ANDROIDS IMMEDIATELY... AND I TELL ONLY MY WIFE ABOUT WHAT I'VE LEARNED...
YOU'VE GOT TO REPORT THIS TO THE AUTHORITIES!
IF I DO, THERE'LL BE AN INVESTIGATION, AND THEY'LL FIND OUT I'VE EXCEEDED MY ANDROID QUOTA AND I'LL GO TO JAIL!
AND IF YOU DON'T TELL THE POLICE, THEN THE ANDROIDS WILL TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT!
I KNOW! BUT THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY OUT... THERE MUST!
I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING! THIS BRAIN CONCEIVED THE ANDROID... AND THIS BRAIN WILL OUTSMART THOSE MISERABLE MACHINES!
I LOCK MYSELF IN MY WORKROOM AND I THINK AND FIGURE...
AND I WORK...
AND I EXPERIMENT...
BOOM!
AND SIX DAYS LATER I HAVE THE ANSWER...

I TELL NO ONE OF MY GREAT SUCCESS AND PLAN! AND INSTEAD OF ANDROIDS, I PRODUCE GAS IN MY FACTORY...
FIFTY THOUSAND CUBIC FEET... THAT'S ENOUGH TO DESTROY EVERY ANDROID IN THIS COUNTRY!
I ORDER SEVEN OF MY ANDROIDS INTO JETS LOADED WITH THE GAS...
...THEN GO UP TO 40,000 FEET AND SPRAY THE ENTIRE COUNTRY! THEN LAND!
YES, MR. KELLER!
THE JETS BLAST OFF AND SPREAD THE GAS OVER THE LAND LIKE SEVEN GIANT SQUIRT GUNS...
AND THEN THE GAS DESCENDS UPON THE EARTH AND THE ANDROIDS...
AND THEN THE ANDROIDS BEGIN TO DISINTEGRATE...
AND THEY BECOME SMALL PILES OF SMOULDERING ASHES...
MY JOY IS SO GREAT THAT I CAN'T KEEP MY SECRET ANY LONGER! I RUN INTO THE HOUSE AND INTO THE BEDROOM, SHOUTING THE GOOD NEWS TO MY WIFE!
DARLING, I DID IT! I OUTSMARTED THE MECHANICAL MORONS LIKE I SAID I WOULD!
THE WALLS THROW BACK MY WORDS... AND I WISH I NEVER WAS BORN AS I STARE UPON THE PILE OF ASHES IN MY WIFE'S BED!
OH DARLING! I DIDN'T KNOW! I DIDN'T KNOW!
THE END
WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT TALES LINED UP FOR YOU, IN THE NEXT THRILLING ISSUE OF WEIRD WORLDS! DON'T MISS IT! LOOK FOR IT AT YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND!

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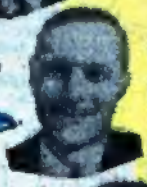
$15.20 AN HOUR?

"FOR every hour I have devoted to the PRESTO, I find that I have earned an average of $15.20 an hour. I am now convinced that extraordinary money can be made in this safety field."
—WILLIAM F. WYDALLIS, Van Wert, Ohio

$37.78 IN 15 MINUTES?



"YOU should have named your extinguisher 'Miracle' instead of PRESTO. Friday morning I brought one to the office where I work and in 15 minutes I had orders for 18. (PROFIT $37.78.) By Friday evening the balance of 2 dozen were sold and orders taken for a dozen more. I had made a net profit of $75.56 the first day."
—RICHARD E. MEADE, Ohio

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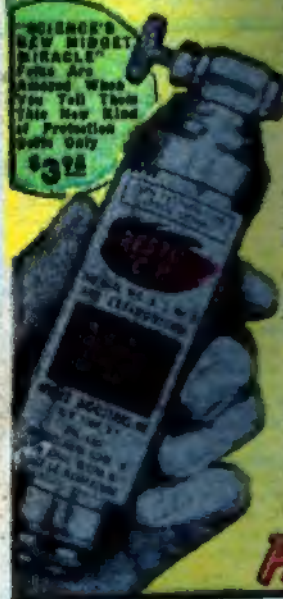
A MAGAZINE featured this man on its front cover. In an interview with the magazine's reporter, he said:
"I think I've succeeded pretty well. I'm making more than a thousand dollars a month—and I haven't touched bottom yet."
—CHARLES KAMA, Texas

People from Coast to Coast Are Raving About "PRESTO" — The Amazing New Kind of Fire Extinguisher That "Sells on Sight!"



FOLKS, wouldn't you like to be making the kind of money these men made? Their stories (and those shown at right) prove how easy it is to cash in on the tremendous demand for *Presto!*

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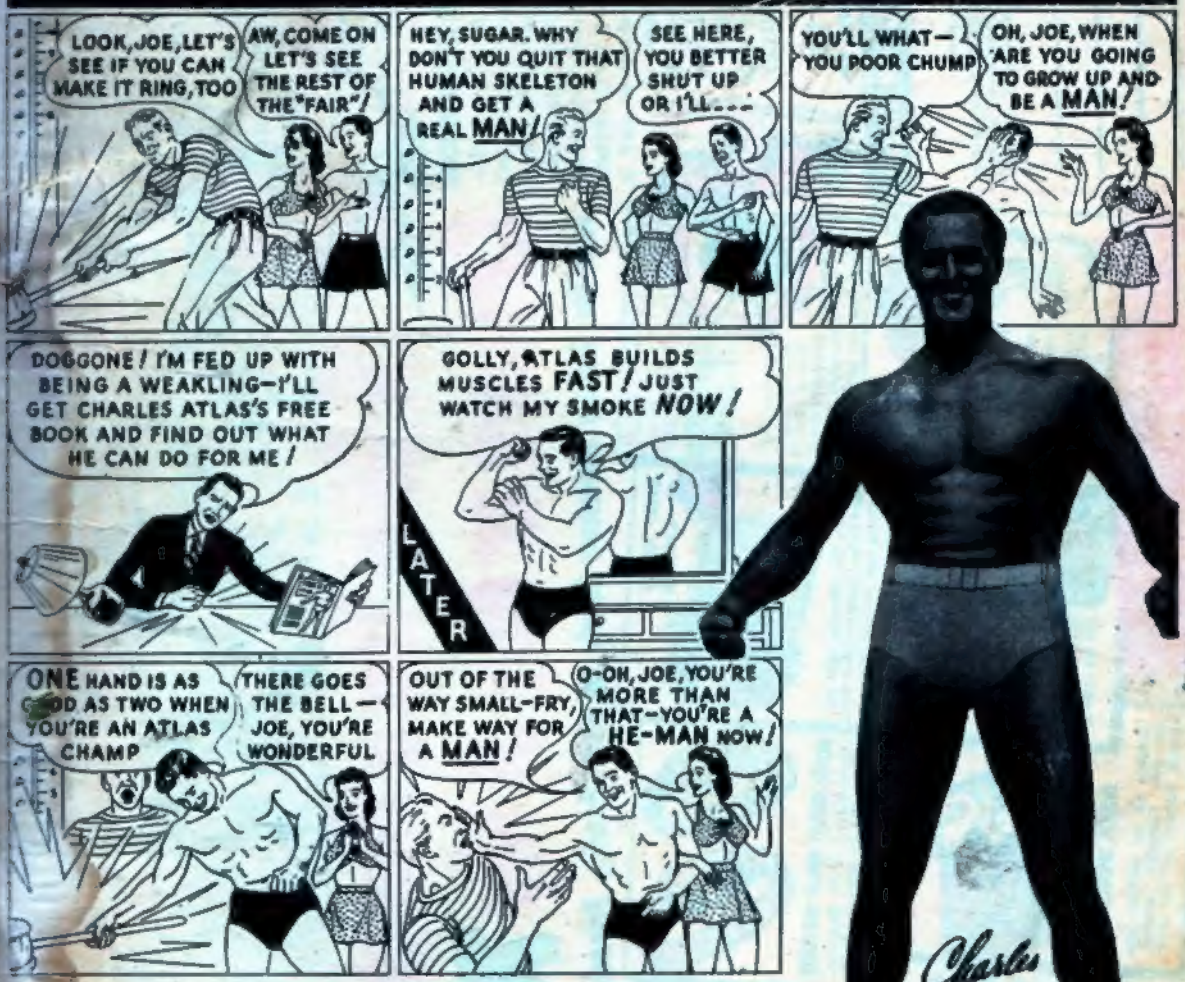
The Insult That Turned a "CHUMP" Into a CHAMP


LOOK, JOE, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE IT RING, TOO
AW, COME ON LET'S SEE THE REST OF THE "FAIR"!
HEY, SUGAR. WHY DON'T YOU QUIT THAT HUMAN SKELETON AND GET A REAL MAN!
SEE HERE, YOU BETTER SHUT UP OR I'LL...
YOU'LL WHAT— YOU POOR CHUMP
OH, JOE, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP AND BE A MAN!
DOGGONE! I'M FED UP WITH BEING A WEAKLING—I'LL GET CHARLES ATLAS'S FREE BOOK AND FIND OUT WHAT HE CAN DO FOR ME!
GOLLY, ATLAS BUILDS MUSCLES FAST! JUST WATCH MY SMOKE NOW!
LATER
ONE HAND IS AS GOOD AS TWO WHEN YOU'RE AN ATLAS CHAMP
THERE GOES THE BELL— JOE, YOU'RE WONDERFUL
OUT OF THE WAY SMALL-FRY, MAKE WAY FOR A MAN!
O-OH, JOE, YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT—YOU'RE A HE-MAN NOW!

Charles Atlas

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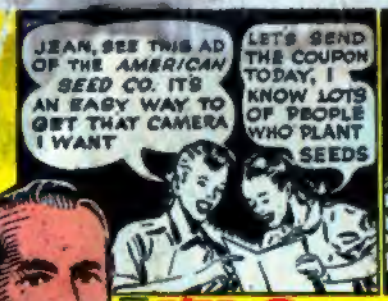
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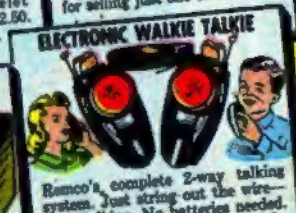

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